

Good news for pill users: study

WASHINGTON, June 7, (UPI): Women using birth control pills and having a history of breast cancer in their families appear to be at no added risk of developing the disease while taking oral contraceptives, a study said.

A family history of breast cancer is a well-established risk factor for the disease, the most common cancer to strike women, and some studies have linked use of the birth control pill to breast cancer.

Writing yesterday in the journal *Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, the researchers concluded neither the total length of pill use nor use before pregnancy affected the cancer risk for women whose mothers, sisters or daughters suffered the disease.

"There was no evidence that use of oral contraceptives, even

long-term, contributed to their risk of the disease," the researchers wrote. "Analyses designed to reveal a potential latent effect also showed no evidence of adverse effect."

The researchers, noting similar studies "yielded some-

what conflicting results," said there appeared to be no added cancer risk for women using the pill whose aunts and grandmothers have suffered breast cancer.

The subjects of the study came from eight different regions of the country.

US has serious shortage of donated organs

Transplant recipient says thousands need help

WASHINGTON, June 7, (UPI): Ray Richards has evolved from being a true believer in organ donations to a crusader, having beaten the odds with his own new kidney.

"I always did see the value of donating organs," said Richards, who two years ago underwent a kidney transplant after a five-

year wait that included visits to a dialysis centre three times a week. "I now encourage people to donate organs," Richards said.

But his message usually falls on deaf ears. The United States has a serious shortage of donated organs and tissues, preventing many transplants from being performed, said Gary

Striker of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Wanda Bond, of the United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond, Va. said there are 17,422 people in the United States who need a transplant and are awaiting organs, with 14,919 of them hoping for replacement kidneys.

Doctors clear signs of AIDS in patient

MONTREAL, June 7, (Agencies): Doctors reported yesterday that for the first time they cleared all signs of the deadly AIDS virus from an AIDS patient, but the patient later died from an AIDS-related cancer.

In findings presented at the 5th International AIDS Conference, Johns Hopkins University researchers said the most sophisticated test currently available could not find signs of the deadly virus in an AIDS patient treated with the drug AZT and a bone marrow transplant.

The researchers emphasised their results do not mean they have found a cure for AIDS, and cautioned that perhaps the AIDS virus was present in the treated patient in minute, undetectable amounts or in a defective form.

The 41-year-old male patient died about six weeks after the marrow transplant from a previously diagnosed AIDS-related cancer, doctors said, adding the patient had no other AIDS-linked complications or infections when he died.

Tests on the patient's blood and tissues just before and after his death turned up no evidence of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV, which causes AIDS.

"Even though the patient died, we believe we demonstrated in one patient that we cleared all signs of the AIDS virus," said Dr Rein Saral, who helped direct the research at the Baltimore Medical Centre.

Dr Albert Donnberg, who also was involved in the treatment, said to his knowledge, it is the first time researchers have been able to knock out all signs of the AIDS virus in an infected person.

Meanwhile, the United States plans to recommend wide use of a drug once sold on the black market that can protect AIDS-infected people from potentially fatal bouts of pneumonia, a senior official revealed yesterday.

Assistant Secretary for Health James Mason told the 5th International AIDS Conference that recommendations will soon be published urging use of aerosol pentamidine, which is inhaled into the lungs.

The proposal would mark the first major effect by the US government to help people with the AIDS virus before they develop the deadly disease.

Mason said preliminary estimates indicate the decision will probably cost the private and public sectors at least \$2 to \$3 billion annually.

But the cost is difficult to project because it is not known how many of the 1 million to 1.5 million Americans with HIV realise they are infected, he said.

A leading US sex researcher said new surveys of American sexual behaviour show that far more people may be at risk for developing the deadly disease than previously believed.

Speaking yesterday at the conference, June Reinisch of the Kinsey Institute said that "the concept of high risk groups is not very helpful" when it comes to AIDS and sexual behaviour.

Reinisch said an analysis of 17 surveys of the sexual activities of white, middle-class Americans from 1948 through 1988 turned up a surprisingly high prevalence of at-risk behaviour for AIDS.

One of the major routes of AIDS transmission is by sexual contact with an infected person, and anal intercourse has been shown to be particularly risky if condoms are not used.

Reinisch's work found at least 30 per cent of the people who called themselves heterosexual had at least one sexual encounter with a person of the same sex, and three out of four homosexuals have had sex with a person of the opposite gender.

One out of three white-middle class men had sex with a female prostitute, Reinisch said.

Male homosexuals and female prostitutes have been among the groups that public health officials have considered at high risk of being infected with HIV.

The latest data from the longest-running study of the AIDS virus in humans strengthens the theory that all infected individuals eventually will come down with the disease.

Even among those men in the study who have not yet developed AIDS, virtually all have some early symptoms of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Rutherford said.



A fond farewell

The Princess of Wales receives flowers from children as she leaves the Lorne House Centre in Hackney, East London on Tuesday. The centre has been funded by three charities, the Mental Health Foundation, Turning Point and the Guinness Trust. The centre will help young people with alcohol and drug problems. (Reuter wirephoto)

Strike cripples passport offices

LONDON, June 7, (Reuter): Britain is asking other countries to admit travellers on out-of-date British passports because of a huge backlog of applications at strike-hit offices.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said yesterday that foreign countries were being asked to accept expired passports or the less formal British visitors passports, currently recognised only in Western Europe and a few other countries.

Hurd did not name the countries approach-

ed, but officials said they would include the United States.

Union leaders said yesterday the backlog of applications had reached half a million, and warned of further action unless they got more staff, improvements to the computer system and better facilities for staff and the public.

Hurd said the home office is trying to recruit 150 more staff by the end of next month. The unions want another 381.

No nuke vote cast

Arms plant investigated

DENVER, June 7, (AP): The Justice Department opened a criminal investigation yesterday of possible environmental violations at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant in Colorado.

About 75 agents from the FBI and the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Criminal Investigations began searching the plant yesterday morning, US Attorney Mike Norton said.

He said agents also went to the Albuquerque, New Mexico, office of the US Department of Energy, which supervises Rocky Flats.

The plant near Denver, is operated for the government by Rockwell International Corp. and manufactures plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons.

Investigators were checking allegations of treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous wastes without permits, false certification of environmental reports and concealment of environmental contamination, Norton said.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, in a statement issued in Washington, said: "This investigation does not signal any major new environmental safety or health concern."

Henson Moore, deputy DOE secretary, appeared with Norton at a news conference and said any operations at the plant that pose a threat to public health and safety would be suspended.

Moore said no part of the plant was closed yesterday and that the Energy Department was cooperating fully with the inves-

tigation. Meanwhile voters in Sacramento, California, yesterday decided to close the Rancho Seco Nuclear Power Plant, marking the first time a US electorate has chosen to shut down an operating reactor.

With absentee ballots in and all precincts reporting, 112,138 or 53.4 per cent voted to close the troubled plant, while 97,698 or 46.6 per cent voted to keep it open.

Election officials had projected a heavy special election turnout of up to 50 per cent of the 529,658 registered voters in the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, which operates the plant 25 miles (40 kilometres) southeast of California's capital.

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PLEASANTON, California: A local roofer, convicted of being in possession of a car that did not belong to him, was ordered by a judge to write a nine-word sentence 10,000 times before being freed from jail.

A municipal court judge ordered Timothy Loggins to write the sentence, "If I don't own it, I won't take it," as punishment for missing several court appearances.

Loggins was released from custody on Monday after submitting a thick stack of papers bearing the repeated sentences, court officials said.

Court Clerk Beverly Dehacchi said she did not know if the judge tallied up Loggins' handiwork before releasing him. "I know I didn't," she said. (Reuter)

CHICAGO: Air turbulence bounced a United Airlines jumbo jet at 37,000 feet (11,000 metres) yesterday, injuring about 30 passengers bound for Chicago, officials said.

United Flight 90, a non-stop flight from Los Angeles carrying 232 passengers and 11 crew members, landed at O'Hare International Airport around 7 pm (11:00 GMT) without further incident.

said airline spokesman Joe Hopkins.

"We've been told the plane was over Garden City, Kansas, when it encountered clear-air turbulence ... which means the pilot couldn't see it," Hopkins said.

Figures on the number injured varied. Officials at hospitals said 20 victims were brought in, but the Federal Aviation Administration put the number at 35. (AP)

GALION, Ohio: Only seconds after receiving her own high school diploma, Lafam Alkire watched here granddaughter Wadonna Jeanne Alkire, pick up her diploma in the Northmor High School gymnasium.

Mrs Alkire, 65, returned to high school last fall to earn the diploma she passed up 45 years earlier to get married. In the interim, she raised 13 children and has 27 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"I tried. I tried hard. School was hard for me, believe me. But I don't care. I'm tickled (thrilled) I got through it," she said at Sunday's commencement. (AP)

CHICAGO: Key in "valley," "shadow" and "death" and up comes the 23rd Psalm on the screen of the newest version of the good book — the pocket-sized computerised Bible.

At least two manufacturers, taking advantage of information compression technology, exhibited computerised versions of the Old and New Testament at the summer consumer electronics show in Chicago which ended yesterday.

Mark Weiser, chairman and chief executive officer of Selectronics Inc, called development of low-cost pocket-sized computers, such as his company's EB2000 electronic Bible, "a breakthrough product" in the industry. (Reuter)

EVERGREEN, Alabama: Two years after the courts declared her the illegitimate daughter of the late country music legend Hank Williams, Jett Williams made her professional debut as a country singer.

Ms. Williams, 36, was given a standing ovation Sunday at the 16th Annual Hank Williams Memorial Celebration when she opened her 20-minute performance with her father's "Your Cheatin' Heart."

"I'd like to tell you it's great to be back in Alabama," she told the crowd of about 4,000. "I'm meeting a lot of people who knew my father, and I'm getting to know him through them." (AP)

LIVINGSTON, Montana: Peter Fonda is working on a book about his life, but the actor promises it will not be a "kiss and tell" saga of the famous Fonda family.

Fonda, best known for his role in the counter-culture classic "Easy Rider" is the son of Henry Fonda and the younger brother of Jane Fonda. He said although the book will talk about his family, it will focus on his own life, especially during the turbulent 1960s.

Fonda, 50, has lived in Montana's Paradise Valley for 14 years. (AP)

TOPEKA, Kansas: Rosa Parks says she never meant to start the civil-rights movement when she refused to move to the back of a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955.

"When I got on the bus, I only wanted to come home," she said Saturday night during a news conference in Topeka. "I just knew that as far as I was concerned, I would never ride on a segregated bus again." (AP)



Grace under pressure

Actress and singer Grace Jones appears in court Tuesday in Kingston, Jamaica. Her trial on possession of cocaine was postponed until Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

OMAHA BEACH, France: The sacrifices made by allied soldiers on the war-torn beaches of France 45 years ago were remembered yesterday in D-day ceremonies marking the anniversary of the allied invasion of Normandy.

About 1,000 people, including many veterans from the United States, gathered around a reflecting pool at the memorial in the US military cemetery at Omaha Beach to honour fallen comrades.

"We're here to remember what was done in this place, we're here to thank the living and honour and dead," said US Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr.

At dawn on June 6, 1944, American troops stormed ashore to drive back German forces in what was the beginning of the end of Hitler's Nazi tyranny.

1990 fashions offer ease, elegance

PARIS, June 7 (AP): Styles for the early 1990s indicate designers are thinking of women who work, travel and like to feel comfortable in whatever look they choose.

Whether based on masculine styles or dressed up for evening, fashion collections appearing for 1990 are presented with an eye to both ease and elegance.

Designers are letting go of their recent visions of bouncy, ruffles and slinky wear and returning to softer silhouettes

and softer fabrics with a light touch of body-consciousness in the structuring. Shoulders are padded for shape, but never dominate.

Skirt lengths are barely relevant, though quite long and above the knee are the younger-looking norms.

Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel dismisses any discussion of skirt lengths. His answer to youth is to show some outfits without any skirt at all — simply tights under handsome jackets.

Trousers are a welcome solution, though the wide A-line look has been cut back to somewhat straighter lines, on the dressy side even in suits — with waist tucking, as at Saint Laurent and Jean-Louis Scherrer.

Jackets are the big bonanza everywhere. They range from the very long styles, to snug spencers, battle jackets and boleros. Details may be strong in piping, zigzag fastening, little belts or vents at the back.

Several designers give fantasy touches with swallowtail or cut-away styles in dressier models.

Costs are another big story. If you like trench or belted "bathrobe" styles, they're looking handsome for fall.

Italians like Tarlazzi and Romeo Gigli have their models in coats. Tarlazzi uses a camel-coloured wrap with a bright lining and Gigli's Byzantine "cocoons" are dramatically colourful.

Christian Lacroix plays with the cape theme in loud colour combinations with his short suits in styles evoking the England of Vita Sackville-West and the literary Bloomsbury set. Capes are glamorous at Saint Laurent and hot numbers at Patrick Kelly, whose little caped riding hoods are as fun as they are colourful.

As true suits have stepped back into the fashion picture, so have soft dresses, looking better than ever as buttoned coat dresses, shirtdresses and little shifts.

Fabrics are important for these stylishly soft clothes, making them more fluid than ever. Large plaids, stripes and bound-stitch checks offer new choices at Christian Lacroix, Scherrer and elsewhere.

Folklore is making a chic comeback with Lacroix's favourite provençal motifs and Kilim rug designs, as well as the handsome black and white Chanel knits borrowed from Indian weaves.

Scherrer and Hanae Mori are strong on exotic animal-spotted winter prints and weaves, and Scherrer's feather patterns add alight touch.

Otherwise, look for temptingly light jerseys, cashmeres, textured and cable knits along with soft flannel and broadcloth. The new tweed cardigan don't

scratch. The up-to-date colour palette plays on all browns from caramel to black-coffee, plus grays with charcoal and slate emphasis. Autumnal shades include Bordeaux, gold, mustard, olive and forest green. Lavender and deep purple or

pink add a heathery touch to autumn wardrobes.

But Paris isn't timid about colour, either. The designers are prodigious in their use of red — everything for a scarlet woman, from deep raspberry or garnet to cardinal, orange-coral, fuchsia or flame.

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Top ANC member visits Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, June 7, (Reuters): Veteran black nationalist Govan Mbeki, highest-ranking African National Congress (ANC) leader at Liber in South Africa, has visited Nelson Mandela in his prison home, newspapers reported today.

Mbeki, 78, was sentenced with Mandela to life imprisonment in 1964 for trying to overthrow South Africa's white government.

He was freed in November 1987 in what many analysts saw as a dry run for Mandela's eventual release.

The newspaper reports said Mbeki was unexpectedly allowed to visit 70-year-old Mandela at the Victor Verster prison near Paarl outside Cape Town yesterday, after several previous requests were turned down.

Mbeki spent about two and a half hours at the prison. The length of his meeting with Mandela and details of their conversation were not disclosed.

Mbeki has lived under a government banning order since his release and cannot speak to the press. The order also prevents him from leaving his home town of Port Elizabeth without permission.

Mandela is held in a luxury bungalow inside prison grounds, after being moved from Cape Town's Pollsmoor prison last year to be treated for tuberculosis.

Speculation is high that he may be released after general elections in September, though previous rumours that Mandela is to be freed have proved unfounded.

Amnesty in Namibia

WINDHOEK, June 7, (UPI): South African and UN officials have announced the repeal of most of Namibia's racist laws and declared a general amnesty that clears the way for an ambitious airlift of more than 40,000 Namibian exiles.

The proclamations, signed yesterday by South African President P. W. Botha in Cape Town, put the UN-run independence programme for Namibia into high gear and ends nearly 75 years of South African administration of Africa's last colony.

Expected to take effect this week after publication in the government gazette, the proclamations include the lifting of a 29-year-old ban on the African National Congress in Namibia.

Relatives search for mementoes of the dead

UFA, Soviet Union, June 7, (Reuters): Grieving relatives, some weeping uncontrollably, picked through the wreckage of one of the world's worst train disasters today in search of some mementoes of the more than 400 people believed dead.

Four carriages lying charred and twisted on their sides and a mass of wood and metal was all that was left of two trains caught in a massive explosion of gas from a leaking pipeline as they crossed in opposite directions on Sunday.

The blast, on a remote stretch of the trans-Siberian railway 100 km (60 miles) east of Ufa in the urals region, flattened several square km (miles) of forest with a force estimated at 10 kilotonnes.

More than three days after the accident, there were still isolated puffs of smoke rising from the trees and an acrid smell in the air.

Several hundred relief workers, some stripped to the waist in the hot sunshine, continued the clean-up operation.

Nearly along the track, relatives used sticks or their bare hands to examine fragments of clothing and metal and laid small bunches of flowers on the ground.

"What about this teapot?" said one man holding up a piece of cracked china. "No, it was a cup, she had a cup," said his companion.

Igor Klochov, a member of a government commission sent from Moscow to investigate the accident, told visiting foreign reporters that more than 250 of the estimated 1,200 or so people on the train had died, 53 in hospital.

"There are another 723 people in hospital in Ufa and elsewhere," he said. "Of them, 381 are in grave condition."

With 41 people allowed home after the accident, that leaves as many as 200 people unaccounted for.

Most are feared to have been blown to pieces in the explosion but Klochov said it was impossible to say exactly how many had died because a definitive passenger list had not yet been drawn up.

About one-third of the passengers were children, many of whom had been travelling to summer holiday camps. The last to be found alive was a five-year-old found wandering in a nearby forest on Monday with slight burns.

A special centre was set up at Ufa airport to help relatives who were flooding the city to find out the fate of passengers.

Ryzhkov grilled before re-election

Gorbachev rebuffs Yeltsin

MOSCOW, June 7, (AP): Soviet lawmakers criticised Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov's handling of the country's economic and environmental problems for two hours today before reappointing him in a nearly unanimous vote.

In other action, President Mikhail Gorbachev rebuffed an attempt by several lawmakers to name outspoken communist reformer Boris Yeltsin head of a government watchdog agency in place of Gorbachev's choice for the job.

Gorbachev proposed Gennady Kolbin, party chief of the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, to head the people's control committee, which oversees government planning and spending.

But a parade of Supreme Soviet deputies took the floor to promote Yeltsin for the job. They praised Yeltsin's reputation for independence and battling corruption, which they said made him better suited for the post.

Gorbachev, however, insisted it was his constitutional right to name his own choice, subject only to the legislature's consent.

After permitting more than an hour of debate, the President moved to cut off further discussion and forced a vote that resulted in overwhelming confirmation of Kolbin.

Yeltsin took the floor near the end to say he thought Kolbin was qualified for the post, but he did not specifically ask to be withdrawn from consideration.

Only 34 of the 509 deputies participating voted to reject Kolbin. Under the confirmation procedure, Yeltsin's name was not submitted for a vote.

The bicameral full-time legislature, meeting in joint session, confirmed Ryzhkov's reappointment with only nine of the deputies in opposition. As premier, Ryzhkov is charged with overseeing the Soviet bureaucracy's efforts to institute Gorbachev's economic and political reforms.

Ryzhkov, 59, has served as Soviet premier since September 1985.

Already tapped for reappointment to the post by Gorbachev and endorsed by the Communist Party, he had been expected to win confirmation by the new legislature.

Gorbachev praised the former factory director as a "determined proponent of the policy of perestroika," and defended his record as the country's economic chief.

But other legislators peppered Ryzhkov with barbed questions about poverty, the country's poor agricultural performance, the shrinking supply of consumer goods and the ecological problems in more than 100 Soviet cities and around the rapidly shrinking Aral Sea.

Yuri Komarov, a deputy from Siberia, said an agricultural agency created at the start of Gorbachev's reforms and then abolished last March was so inefficient that "people were saying it was the most successful action by the CIA against the Soviet economy."

A Lithuanian deputy demanded to know what the government planned to do about 43 million Soviets that he said were living in poverty. He called their plight "disastrous."

Ryzhkov agreed that something must be done about poverty but did not specify what actions he would take.

A prominent writer told a parliament session yesterday that intellectuals in the Kazakhstan republic contented Soviet troops violently suppressed a 1986 protest and that officials have kept the death toll secret.

Writer Mukhtar Shakhmatov told the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies that a letter from intellectuals charged that soldiers used dogs and shovels to break up protests in Kazakhstan.

He said the number of deaths in the December 1986 disturbance in Alma Ata, the capital of the republic, has been kept secret.

The intellectuals called for formation of a legislative commission to investigate the rioting.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bombs hurled

DHAKA, Bangladesh, June 7. (AP) Rebels from the Chittagong Hills hurled bombs into a crowded marketplace in southeastern Bangladesh, killing at least two people and wounding 20 others, police said today.

The rebels, mostly from the Buddhist Chakma tribe, appear to be stepping up their attacks because of local elections scheduled on June 25, a military officer said by telephone from Khagrachari, 175 kms (110 miles) southeast of Dhaka.

Tutu distressed

DURBAN, South Africa, June 7. (AP) Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday he was anguished by the failure of his fellow Anglican clergymen to allow women to become priests. He likened sex discrimination to apartheid.

Tutu, the first black to lead the Anglican church in southern Africa, commented during a synod of church officials at which the issue of ordination of women was raised.

Asked to resign

BUDAPEST, Hungary, June 7. (AP) Sandor Bures, once a prominent figure in the state and government hierarchy, has been asked to resign his parliamentary mandate because he signed a controversial execution warrant in 1949, the news agency MTI reported yesterday.

Bures served as director-general of MTI in addition to a series of other official functions, including that of member of the presidential council, a 15-member body that headed the state hierarchy. In its terse announcement, MTI did not list Bures's many different jobs, including that of news executive.

Safety training

WASHINGTON, June 7. (AP) The commandment of the US Marine Corps, noting that 45 Marines have died in aircraft accidents this year, has ordered all the service's aviation units to stop for two days of refresher safety training.

"Our machines are not letting us down; we are letting ourselves down," Gen. Al Gray, said in the memo, distributed on Monday night and obtained by the Associated Press.

The memo, sent to Marine aviation units world-wide, said that preliminary investigations have pointed to "crew error" as the most likely cause of all seven fatal crashes this year.

Release welcomed

WASHINGTON, June 7. (UPI) The State Department yesterday welcomed the release of the last of the political prisoners who were held under Kenya's Public Security Law.

President David A. Arop, who announced on June 1 the release of four of the prisoners, and on June 5 announced the release of the last three of the seven prisoners.

The political prisoners who were released are Raul Odinga, Wanyiri Kiboro, Mukuru Ngunuwa, Samuel Okumo Otwany, Israel Otieno Agina, Mirugi Kariuki and Richard Obuo Goya. Odinga, who had been held since 1982, is the son of the first vice-president of Kenya, Oginga Odinga.

Smuggler jailed

LONDON, June 7. (Reuters) An Armenian-born orchid smuggler who "raped beauty spots around the world" in search of rare blooms was jailed and given a heavy fine yesterday.

Henry Azadehdel was jailed for 12 months — eight of them suspended — and ordered to pay fines and legal costs of £20,000 (\$31,000) for smuggling and selling orchids contrary to the convention on international trade in endangered species.

Talks to begin

CAYENNE, French Guiana, June 7. (Reuters) French-mediated talks on ending three years of civil war in Surinam were set to begin in French Guiana on Wednesday, French government officials in Cayenne said.

They said rebel leader Ronny Brunswijk would meet a senior official of Surinam's parliament, the French administrator of French Guiana, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, and a representative of the French Foreign Ministry. The time and location of the talks were being kept secret.

Dialogue

OKYO, June 7. (KUNA) Japanese Prime Minister Susuke Uno and US ambassador to Japan Michael Urmason agreed that both their countries should solve disputes between them through dialogue, Japanese officials said today.

The officials quoted US President George Bush as saying in a message delivered to Uno that he is looking forward to establish close relations with Uno. The message was relayed by US ambassador to Japan, the officials said.

Lightists supported

THENS, Greece, June 7. (AP) French far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen yesterday voiced his support for Greek rightists and appealed for a release of the jailed strongmen of the 1967-74 military regime.

"The 15-year jailing of these fiends violates all human rights," Le Pen told a news conference. He said he would support the extreme-right Greek political Union Party (EPEK) in the month's elections.

Are mosaics

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7. (AP) A dealer here has expressed concern she had proven her ownership of rare Byzantine mosaics was in jeopardy after testimony ended in a court trial over Cyprus' effort to return them back.

"I think we have proved what we out to prove, and that is that we rehased these mosaics in good faith," Peg Goldberg said as she left district court. "Who in their right mind can imagine that we would row \$1 million to buy stolen property."

Pakistan has no N-weapon

US will sell 60 more F-16s

WASHINGTON, June 7. (Agencies) Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto told a joint meeting of Congress today that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear device, will not build one and "will not provoke a nuclear arms race" on the subcontinent.

Benazir made her pledge in an address in which she said democracy is on the rise in her region and dictators are in retreat around the world.

She said the United States and Pakistan represent a partnership for democracy that must redouble efforts for a broad-based, democratic government to Afghanistan.

"Pakistan and the United States have travelled a long road with Afghanistan in quest of self-determination," the Pakistani prime minister said.

She said that now that Soviet forces have withdrawn, "let us not leave with indifference, we must not abandon the cause."

Turning to the United States' most active concern about her country's conduct, Benazir said Pakistan has no intention of becoming a nuclear power.

"I can declare that we do not possess nor do we intend to make a nuclear device," the prime minister said.

She said her government is ready to accept international safeguards on its nuclear materials and reactors "on non-discriminatory regional basis."

Pakistan has long advocated a nuclear-free zone in the region, Benazir said, adding that her country is prepared to conclude a nuclear test ban with neighbours in South Asia.

She mentioned no other country. Pakistan's regional rival, India, has resisted such proposals unless they include China, which already has nuclear weapons.

"We will not provoke a nuclear arms race on the subcontinent," Benazir told her audience gathered in the House of Representatives chamber.

Earlier, a senior administration official told reporters that the United States has agreed to sell Pakistan 60 more F-16 fighter jets, meeting a long-standing request by the Muslim nation.

Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, said last night that the deal, which was not officially announced, was complete except for congressional notification.

President Bush promised Benazir the United States will sell her nation 60 US-made F-16 jet fighters, one of Benazir's key requests during her US visit, a senior administration official said.

The sale of the advanced fighter planes is subject to congressional approval.

Some members of Congress fear the possible \$1.4 billion sale would fuel an arms race between Pakistan and India, and divert limited resources from needed economic reforms.

At a congressional hearing on Monday, John Kelly, assistant secretary of state-designate for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, said such a sale might be formally announced during Benazir's six-day visit, which began on Monday.

She will host a dinner in honour of Vice-President and Mrs Dan Quayle.

In his toast last night at a state dinner in honour of Benazir, Bush said he had "very frank and meaningful" talks with the prime minister, and both leaders pledged to help restore "peace and freedom to Afghanistan and stability to Southeast Asia."

"We just concluded a round of very frank and meaningful discussions," Bush said.

President Bush and Benazir's talks yesterday focused on Afghanistan, Pakistan's defence needs, its nuclear programme, and the international battle against illicit drugs, officials said afterwards.

The United States and Pakistan, which has given refuge to 3.6 million Afghan refugees, have co-operated for years in the effort to support the Afghan rebels seeking to topple Kabul's Marxist government.

With a glittering dinner and a full-dress military review, Bush orchestrated a warm White House welcome for the 35-year-old Pakistani leader, the first woman to lead a Muslim nation and the world's youngest prime minister.

In his formal farewell remarks, Bush said he and Benazir had "discussed ways to encourage a political solution in Afghanistan" that would replace the "illegitimate regime in Kabul" with a peaceful and non-aligned representative government.

"The United States and Pakistan will continue to explore any serious avenue towards this end," Bush said.

Benazir replied: "We are in complete accord" on the course of policy in regards to Afghanistan. She added that Pakistan "remains committed to a political solution of the Afghan problem."

The late President Mohammed Zia Ul-Haq, Benazir's predecessor, had rejected the idea of a political settlement in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Benazir's father was deposed by Zia in 1977 and hanged two years later.

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Foley's soothing words were sent to a House shaken by an extraordinary upheaval in the Democratic ranks, with two of

the three top party officers exiting because of questions about their personal finances.

Wright, a Texas Democrat, resigned after the House Ethics Committee charged him with violating House rules on outside income, and the No. 3 Democrat, majority whip Tony Coelho of California, is stepping down to avoid inquiry into a junk bond deal.

The Democrats plan to meet next week to fill Foley's old post. Republicans have moved quickly to take advantage of the Democratic turmoil, attacking Foley and warning the Democrats they can't run away from the ethics issue.

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Benazir addressing the US Congress. (Reuters wirephoto)

Floods recede in Sri Lanka

Dot moves out to sea

COLOMBO, June 7. (AP) High water slowly receded today in central and southern Sri Lanka after five days of flooding and mudslides that killed at least 315 people, officials said.

Rescue workers carrying food and medicine have reached the inland hill areas worst affected by the mudslides that started Saturday night, according to D.J. Wijesundera, director of the social service department.

More than 200,000 people were left homeless by the mudslides and floods, including 60,000 who were forced to flee from Colombo's northern suburbs, said Wijesundera and other officials.

The Kelaniya River, which winds north of the capital to the sea, surged over its banks Monday night and yesterday, swollen by flood waters pouring down from the central hills.

But by today morning, the Kelaniya had dropped about 2.5 centimetres (one inch) in 13 hours, said Upali Delpachitra, deputy director of the irrigation department.

"The water level in the Kelaniya river declined from 9 feet 2 inches (2.794 metres) to nine feet 1 inch (2.768 metres)," Delpachitra said.

"The situation is under control, and waters are expected to recede very slowly," he said.

He added that walls of sandbags had been erected to protect more villages near Colombo.

Most of the 315 reported deaths occurred in the hills and valleys of the Kegalle district, about 70 kilometres (45 miles) northeast of Colombo. Entire villages of thatched huts were buried after a torrential downpour on Saturday triggered landslides of mud and rocks already loosened by a month-long monsoon.

The meteorology department said only light rains were forecast Wednesday for the island nation in the Indian Ocean.

Tropical storm Dot moved out to the South China Sea today, dumping heavy rain over Manila and a wide area of the country, the weather bureau said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the storm's peak winds of 47 miles (75 kilometres) an hour. Officials feared flooding, but said no problems had been reported so far.

The government's chief weather forecaster, Eduardo Parang, said that by 9 am (0100 GMT) Dot's "eye," or centre, was over the South China Sea some 160 miles (256 kilometres) southwest of Manila. It was moving west-northwest at 14 miles (22 kilometres) per hour.

Student killed by police in protest

COLOMBO, June 7. (Agencies) Police shot dead a student as a thousand demonstrators attacked their barracks in one of a series of anti-Indian protests in Sri Lanka today over the presence of Indian troops on the island, police said.

They said the student was killed in Teledenia near the hill resort of Kandy. Police opened fire as the crowd attacked the barracks, killing the student and wounding about six others.

Students also poured out the streets of Colombo and about half a dozen towns in nearby provinces demanding the withdrawal of the estimated 45,000 Indian troops on the island fighting Tamil separatists.

They also demanded the resignation of the government and in one case set fire to a jeep belonging to a junior minister.

Simultaneously, a group of Tamil students demonstrated in the eastern city, Batticaloa, asking the Indian soldiers to remain, witnesses said.

The rival demonstrations underlined the different views held by the majority Sinhalese community in the southern areas and some minority Tamils in the northeast on President Ranasinghe Premadasa's call for the total withdrawal of the Indian force by the end of next month.

However, India informed Sri Lanka it is impossible to complete the withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping troops by July 29, newspapers reported today.

Premadasa, who took office last January pledging the Indian force would leave the country, dispatched an envoy to New Delhi this week to discuss the proposed withdrawal.

The envoy, Foreign Secretary Bernard Tilakaratne, was informed that India felt it wasn't the best time for a troop withdrawal when he met Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and other officials, the Statesman newspaper said.

About 45,000 Indian soldiers remain in Sri Lanka.

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Call to cancel out Third World debt

Kuwait launches fresh appeal at UN

UNITED NATIONS, June 7, (KUNA): Kuwait yesterday launched a fresh appeal for a meeting of debtor and creditor nations with a view to easing the burden on developing countries exacerbated by population pressures.

Speaking in the government council of the UN development Programme (UNDP) which is meeting here this month, Mariam Abdul Karim Al Awadi urged that the UN fund for

population activities assumes the co-ordination with UN specialised agencies in order to convene the meeting.

Debt

The aim of such a meeting would be to elaborate a world-wide plan of action taking into account the proposals made by the Amir of Kuwait on the debt problem last September before the General Assembly.

In his message, the Amir urged

creditors to cancel out the accumulated debt of their debtor countries and invited the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to revise the conditions for countries seeking aid.

Awadi is Assistant Under-secretary for Technical Co-operation in the Ministry of Planning.

"The external debt burden constitutes a 'real catastrophe' for the people of the Third World," she said. "It is increasing

and it is becoming a focal point in the conflict between debtor and creditor countries."

Challenge

In this way, she said, the problem is transcending its purely financial, monetary or technical context, and is becoming a problem with political dimensions.

Awadi stressed the importance of working together in order to cope with the challenges of the demographic explosion

and the debt crisis.

"It is time to face the challenge resulting from population growth which is threatening any social and economic development plan and any effort aimed at protecting environmental balance."

"We cannot enjoy the fruit of efforts and sums spent for development if we continue to collect the real collective solution of the problem of the demographic explosion," she said.

Permanent residence law under study

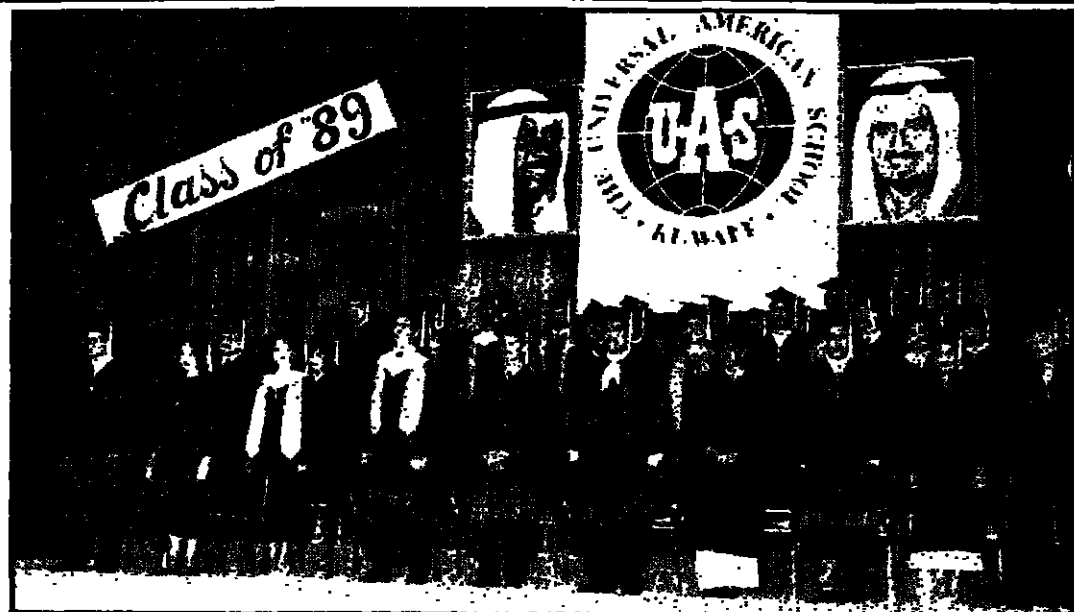
A MINISTERIAL committee will shortly start studying a draft law to grant permanent residence to selected expatriates. The committee consists of ministers of interior, planning, social affairs and labour, and commerce and industry beside representatives of Chamber of Commerce and other relevant establishments in the state.

The draft law was proposed by the population policies committee of their Higher Planning Council within the framework of an inclusive study related to selective immigration to Kuwait.

The Council of Ministers has

made a general study of the Higher Planning Council's report on the population policies during its weekly meeting held last Sunday. The cabinet also discussed the proposals submitted by members of the council about the organisation of population mix in the country.

A local daily reported that according to the draft law the state will select the candidates of the permanent residence according to interests of the country. It added that the Higher Planning Council gave an inclusive project about the numbers and conditions applicable for granting of permanent residence.



UAS commencement exercises

The Universal American School celebrated the annual commencement exercises at Sabah Al Salem auditorium, Kuwait University, Khaldiya.

The evening was a very special one for the UAS Class of 1989. Parents, dignitaries and friends were in attendance to honour the Class of 89.

This year's class consisted of 42 students, representing 13 countries: Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, USA, Iraq, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan, India, the Philippines and Palestine.

Resources important to develop a nation

DR. RASHEED AL AMERI, a professor of chemical engineering at Kuwait University and member of Kuwait's delegation participating in the first conference of the Union of Islamic Engineering Organisations held in Cairo, had delivered a lecture in which he stressed that economic power is a decisive factor in international relations.

Quoted by a local daily, Ameri said that economic power is derived from the possession of energy resources and strategic raw material as well as technological know-how. Countries where these factors are available could wield considerable influence the international economy, the professor said.

He cited the powerful Japanese economy as an example, which went so far as to rival the US economy, regardless of the US being a major military power.

Ameri pointed out that demand for international power is constantly increasing while energy specialists believe that traditional energy sources were likely to dry up during the first two decades of the 21st century. This necessitated the urgent search for alternative energy sources, he said.

KRCS to provide haj medical services

KUWAIT'S Red Crescent Society in co-operation with Kuwait Medical Association had mobilised all potentials in providing medical services to pilgrims Abdul Karim Jaffar, assistant secretary-general of Kuwait Red Crescent Society said.

Speaking at a seminar recently organised by Kuwait's Medical Association, Jaffar praised the efforts of the officials of the two institutions.

Vaccinations

Dr. Bader Hamadah, secretary-general of the Medical Association also speaking at the seminar pledged that his association will proceed with its march towards assisting pilgrims and will endeavour to enhance the level of services offered.

Dr. Al Zainatin said that pilgrims are not obliged to be inoculated either against small-

pox or cholera prior to entering Saudi Arabia during the pilgrimage season. Smallpox had disappeared throughout the world and no cases of cholera had been recorded this year, he said.

Speaking about health risks to pilgrims during the haj season, the official said that pilgrims could encounter sunstroke, respiratory system diseases, influenza, bronchitis, digestive and diarrhoea symptoms. He advised pilgrims to pay heed to warnings issued by doctors.

Dr. Mohammed Al Saeed advised pilgrims to perform prayer in the shade or in air-conditioned places and avoid walking too much in high humidity. He also advised a large intake of water and to wear cotton clothing. Pregnant ladies should postpone the performance of pilgrimage rituals till after delivery.

Anti-AIDS plan unveiled

ACCORDING to a Ministry of Public Health release a total of 25 AIDS cases were reported in Kuwait from 1984 to 1988. Five involved Kuwaiti citizens and the rest to varying nationalities.

The release, published by the Anti-AIDS National Committee, unveils a medium-term anti-AIDS plan to be implemented by Kuwait in co-operation with the World Health Organisation. The plan involves a number of awareness programmes intended to educate the public about this disease, ways of its transmissibility, preventive measures and other important information to update existing public knowledge about this lethal disease.

The plan also involves the development of existing anti-AIDS measures, enforced in Kuwait. The plan is to be implemented over a three-year period, and funded by the Ministry of Public Health.

Friday market undoubtedly a shoppers paradise

THE Friday Market is one of the most comprehensive markets in Kuwait, where shoppers can find birds, cats, dogs, fish, plants, books, children games, musical instruments and ornaments at cheap prices.

The Friday Market witnesses a large cross-section of customers and shoppers every Friday morning. A local daily interviewed a number of vendors and customers who stressed the importance of preserving what they called an all purpose location. Other shoppers called for expanding the Friday Market and preventing

automobiles from entering it.

Jabbar Muhsein, a vendor said that he has been selling birds for 11 years and added that sales are higher during winter than summer. He added that he has been working at the Friday Market location for five years now and that he sells more during Fridays. Profits range between KD15 and 30 on these days, he said.

One of the shoppers said that officials should pay more attention to the Friday Market and should organise its operations on a more professional level.

Another shopper said that the market is too small. He pointed out that the Friday Market is one of the traditional markets in Kuwait and therefore officials should endeavour to upgrade existing facilities.

The daily also interviewed a group of Arab youth who had displayed various species of birds for sale in one of the stalls at the Friday Market. One of the youths said that he looks forward to Friday as it gives him an opportunity to realise monetary gains from his hobby, which is breeding various types of birds. He added that

his family encourages him in his endeavour as they feel he is not only augmenting the meagre income of his father, but more importantly constructively making use of his leisure hours.

Mahmoud went on to say that he has a dream — he longs to be a specialist in raising hunting hawks. He said this fine bird is the proud possession of every Arab hunter and is highly prized. I intend in a very short time to have some of the best falcons in this part of the Arab world, he said.

Saudi Arabia's appointed head chopper

The executioner

SAEED AL SAYAF is a very special man, and a very social one. Socially, he enjoys good relations with his neighbours, his colleagues and those around him.

But in his special job he faces many difficult situations. He is the appointed executioner for the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and has wielded his famous sword 600 times in more than 35 years.

He is happy in his work, carrying out the dictates of justice on criminals who have transgressed against the Sharia, the Islamic Law.

An employee of the Ministry of Interior, Al Sayaf is 60 years old, is the father of 25 sons and daughters, he has had 24 wives over the last 40 years and he has been an executioner since he was 25. In his job he uses a sword for men, a pistol for women.

A writer for Al Madina, Saudi Arabia's most prestigious daily newspaper, recently interviewed him in Jeddah. The following is a record of their conversation:

How did you become an executioner?

I am from the village of Bisha, in the governorate of Asir. I worked as a farmer, like the other members of my family and small community. At the age of 20 I moved to Riyadh to look for a better job and enrolled in the army. Whenever I had time to spare I used to go and watch the executioners at work. I began to think that I could do the job just as well and I told my colleagues in the unit that I was interested in doing it. My physical size was an advantage when my colleagues conveyed my interest to the authorities in Riyadh. At the time it was a joke, but it developed into a serious job.

Some time later I was called to see an official for an interview. He offered me the job and I accepted it, as a hobby. At that



Saeed Al Sayaf ...he wields, at the end of the long arm of the law a golden sword

What are the tools of your job?

To chop off the heads of men I use a special sword, following the writings of the Prophet Mohammed, while I use the gun to execute women. The reason for using the gun is to avoid removing any of the cover on the upper part of the woman's body. To cut the wrists of those involved in robbery, I use very sharp-edged knives to ensure that the wrist is cut cleanly in one stroke.

How do you feel before you start the execution?

It needs courage, and of course, inside, I am scared



Saeed (left) is training his son to follow in his profession.

time I was paid 130 riyals, but in addition I was promised SR500 (\$133) for each head. I always looked forward to the opportunity to chop more heads so that I could earn more money!

When did you chop off the first head?

Three months after I joined a decree was issued to execute three murderers. At that time I was 23. I did a very good job; I chopped three heads for SR1500. Over a period of time it became a very ordinary sort of job; in fact I felt it was easy to do an execution.

How many cases have you dealt with up to now?

I have chopped the heads off 600 criminals and chopped off 60 hands of thieves involved in serious robberies.

Which is more difficult: chopping heads or cutting off hands?

Frankly speaking, it is easier to chop a head since this act means the end of the story for the criminal. Chopping off a hand needs more courage, since you are cutting a part of the body of an individual who is to survive. The cutting itself needs very skilled attention to ensure that the chopping tool does not slip or cut in the wrong place. Psychologically, I feel some reluctance in these cases.

Have you ever dealt with the execution of a group of criminals at one time?

This was in early 1400 H (1979), when a group of 15 smashed into the mosque of Mecca to prevent people from doing their prayers, and circulated papers calling for the adoption of ideologies against Islam. They were sentenced to death, and I had to chop the heads off 12 of them. Three were left for someone else to execute.

Is there a specific sword you use?

Yes, a sword presented to me by His Royal Highness Prince Ahmad bin Abdul Aziz, Deputy Minister of the Interior. I use this as my only weapon in executing male criminals.

Do all of those you execute die immediately after the first hit?

Most of them. Very few need another hit and rarely is a third necessary.

Is there anyone else in your family doing the same job?

Actually, the Governor of Mecca, His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsin bin Abdul Aziz has asked me on many occasions to train one or two of my sons. I have already started giving training to my son Mohammed. However I have not yet given him the opportunity to carry out an execution but I can say that he knows the job. I can say, though, that a number of my relatives are reluctant at the thought of my training them.

Do you mix easily with the people of your community etc?

Yes, I do. The job involves a lot of fun sometimes and when I sit with relatives or friends, I hear from them jokes etc. Once I joked with the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and said to him: "Your Royal Highness, the market these days suffers a lot of recession! No heads to chop! No wrists to cut!"

Over the years of carrying out your job, have you been faced with any unusual scenes?

Yes, many. One of the stories I recall happened in the city of Mecca. A decree was issued to execute two people who were involved in killing their colleague. At that time there was no ruling that the eyes of the executed had to be covered with a black cover. The two were standing beside each other. Following

— Al Madina

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier receives
KUWAIT, June 7, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today received in audience State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazzei, State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohamed Abdul Mohsen Al Refai, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al Oassimi, Planning Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadhi and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashid.

Sheikh Saad also received Fares Al Wugayyan and Kuwait's permanent representative to the UN European headquarters in Geneva Dr Salim Jaber Al Ahmed.

He also chaired a meeting of the Supreme Council for Planning.

Premier's message
KUWAIT, June 7, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received a message from the Jordanian Crown Prince Al Hassan Bin Talal.

Medal for Ateeqi
AMMAN, June 7, (KUNA): The Jordanian monarch today issued a decree to award the adviser of HH the Amir of Kuwait, Abdel Rahman Al Ateeqi the Jordanian Star medal for his contribution in constructing Al Salt Cultural Centre.

The Friends of Al Salt City Society, was established at the initiative of Ateeqi who has extended generous donations to build that centre.

Minister leaves
KUWAIT, June 7, (KUNA): Sudanese Defence Minister Mubarak Osman Rahma described his visit to Kuwait as successful and very positive.

In a pre-departure statement today, Rahma said that during his four-day official visit to Kuwait he held talks with his Kuwait counterpart Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed that tackled all issues related to bilateral co-operation.

He noted that the two sides agreed on all topics of discussion.

He expressed satisfaction over meeting HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The Sudanese minister has delivered messages to HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier from Sudanese Prime Minister Al Sadiq Al Mahdi.

Rahma was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Nawaf and senior officials at the Defence Ministry.

Better channels
MINISTER of State for Cabinet Affairs and acting chairman of the Civil Service Council Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashid will reside over a meeting of top government officials. The meeting to be held next Saturday will discuss matters relating to the ongoing administrative development in the country, aimed at developing better channels to streamline government staff performance and streamline public relations.

The meeting will be held at the Kuwait Fund for Socio-economic Development and will be attended by 50 undersecretaries to discuss views on various development plans, with special emphasis on the qualitative change desired by HH the Amir.

Anti-smoking drive
HE Kuwait Anti-Smoking Society's secretary Dr Hussein Jomaa has said that a number of obstacles prevented the implementation of 50 per cent additional customs duties on tobacco imports.

Meanwhile, a local daily noted official sources as saying at the Gulf health ministers at their last meeting in Kuwait endorsed the 50 per cent increase on tobacco. However, only Bahrain and Oman enforced the increase.

Momen said that about 70 per cent of smokers abstained from smoking during the 'Give-up Smoking Day' stressing the need for an all-out sincere effort to help smokers to break this habit.

WEATHER

NORMAL summer weather with moderate north-westerly wind may rise at times.

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High water: 4.00 am, 2.00 pm

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Humidity: 4-48 per cent

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Amman: 45°C 113°F

Baghdad: 42°C 108°F

Alaska: 42°C 108°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Amman: 27°C 81°F

Baghdad: 30°C 86°F

Alaska: 30°C 86°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Amman: 46°C 115°F

Baghdad: 43°C 109°F

Alaska: 43°C 109°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Amman: 19 per cent

Baghdad: 16 per cent

Alaska: 25 per cent

21 juvenile delinquents apprehended in Jahra

Midnight curfew in governorate

By Mohammed Al Barjes

GOVERNOR of Jahra Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Nasser was quoted as saying that security men of the governorate have apprehended 21 juvenile delinquents alleged to have harassed citizens at the governorate and other areas. He added that the parents of these juveniles had undertaken through written affidavits to be responsible for any misbehaviour that might be committed by their children in the future.

In an interview with Al Seyassah, the governor said that the security men of the governorate were patrolling different areas of the governorate to ensure law and order.

He added that the governorate will not waive in implementing its scheme to ban any person from loitering after 12.00 midnight, adding that juvenile motorcyclists will be banned from using their motorcycles in the streets and quarters of Jahra. He clarified that the governorate was not imposing any restrictions on freedom, but some criteria must be followed and respected by all. Restaurants and cafeterias at the governorate will remain closed after midnight he said, pointing out that these facilities provided an opportunity for unscrupulous elements to meet.

Meanwhile, the governor said that incidents of thefts at the governorate had been minimised significantly due to the vigilance of security personnel. He added that traffic accidents had also dropped in view of the co-operation between citizens and security men.

On the other hand, the governor said that he greatly appreciated the kind gesture of HH the Amir towards meeting with the governors, adding that the encouragement of HH the Amir at the said meeting has boosted the morale of the authorities and personnel.

He added that the governors were looking forward to being provided with more powers to contribute to better performance.



Pilots graduate

A graduation ceremony for beginner and advanced pilots who underwent a training course on Gazal planes was held yesterday at Ali Al Salem Air Base. Assistant Chief of Staff of the Kuwait armed forces, Major General Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah, Commander of the Air Force, Brigadier Dawood Al Ghanim and a number of high ranking officers attended. A number of Bahraini pilots also took part in the course.

DGCA cannot be independent yet

Airport security adequate

DIRECTOR General of Directorate General for Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah was quoted as saying that transferring of the directorate into an independent authority entails bringing about a balance between revenues and services.

"In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the absence of such a balance and the imperative need for covering the exorbitant costs of expansion witnessed by the country's civil aviation has temporarily postponed the idea calling for making the directorate work on an economic basis.

He added that the directorate is carrying out five-year plans for providing national cadres to undertake responsibilities after expansion and to grand Kuwaitis some posts.

He added that the directorate is working to avert either shortage or redundancy in the staff by redistributing manpower.

Replying to a question, the official expressed hopes that some airline companies such as Iranian Airlines and USA's TWA will resume their flights to Kuwait following the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq. He added that the landing fees at Kuwait International Airport were relatively cheap. Air transport market of Kuwait is the largest one in the region, he said.

Security
Speaking on security measures at Kuwait International Airport, the official said that this issue is being accorded priority the world over and several studies in this connection were set up by IATA. He added that the appendix 17 of the Chicago Agreement has been issued which relates to aviation security in addition to aviation directory which has been designed to guide governments during setting up of the necessary security strategy.

Sheikh Jaber disclosed that the security team of the International Transport Union and the USA Aviation Security team, paid inspection visits to several international airports throughout the world and praised the security measures adopted at Kuwait International Airport.

He clarified that Kuwait International Airport has been provided with the latest technology to visualise the contents of passengers luggage including handbags.

Speaking of the airport taxi service, the official said a new system governing this service had been set up, and pointed out that the new system had been designed to upgrade the service by applying unified fares. Taxi services at the airport will be around-the-clock. The new procedures will be supervised by the airport administration and an elected committee of taxi drivers, the official said.

On the directorate's budget, Sheikh Jaber said that the Civil Aviation budget had amounted to about KD11.6 million. He disclosed that the directorate's revenues had amounted to KD1,360,000 during the fiscal year 1987/1988. He expected that during the current fiscal year the



Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah

Mubarak praises bilateral relations

KUWAIT, June 7, (KUNA): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today praised Egyptian-Kuwait relations and described the participation of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah in the recent emergency Arab summit in Casablanca as "effective and remarkable."

Interviewed by the publisher of a local Kuwaiti daily, President Mubarak said he holds high respect and appreciation for HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He reiterated that he could visit Kuwait at any time, noting that his visit to Kuwait needs no formalities. "In the recent Arab summit in Casablanca I met with HH Sheikh Saad and Kuwait's contribution in the summit was good, effective and substantial," he said.

The Egyptian leader affirmed that the summit was successful and has adopted very important resolutions. He attributed the summit's success to "frankness and understanding" displayed by all Arab leaders who lived up to their responsibilities.

He predicted that an ordinary summit slated later this year in Riyadh "would be a natural continuation of the Casablanca summit."

"The forthcoming summit would also successfully resume discussions on our common causes of co-operation to reach solutions of all our problems with the same spirit of solidarity and understanding which prevailed in Casablanca," President Mubarak said.

Fraternal spirit at GCC conference

Focus on Iraq-Iran peace process

KUWAIT, June 7, (Agencies): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home today after taking part in the 31st session of GCC Foreign Ministers Conference, concluded in Jeddah today.

Speaking upon his arrival, Sheikh Sabah said a spirit of fraternity and understanding dominated the meeting which focussed on the situation in the region particularly the Iraq-Iran peace process.

Sheikh Sabah said the ministerial council of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council had voiced support to UN secretary-general's efforts aimed at reaching a comprehensive and lasting peace that would establish peace and stability in the region.

He added that in this connection the council stressed the importance of continuing efforts with the concerned parties and Security Council member states.

Summit
He said the council welcomed the resolution of the recent emergency Arab summit in this regard and stressed that the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran should be a springboard toward comprehensive and lasting peace between the two countries.

On the Arab situation, especially that in Lebanon, Sheikh Sabah said "we welcomed the emergency Arab summit's resolution concerning the situation in Lebanon and hoped that the supreme tri-partite committee would succeed in reaching the desired solution that will maintain Lebanon's stability, security and sovereignty and its territorial integrity."

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Financial co-operation progressing: Khorafi

FINANCE Minister Jassem Al Khorafi has said that financial co-operation among the GCC states is progressing, though, slowly. He added in an interview with a local daily that such co-operation requires sufficient time to achieve outstanding results. Commenting on the agenda of the GCC financial and economic co-operation committee meeting that will be held in Riyadh on June 22, Khorafi said that the committee will study a memorandum submitted by the GCC Secretariat about continuation of talks to unify customs tariff by the GCC states on the foreign imports.

Exchange
The ministerial committee will also study reports on the outcome of meetings of directors of customs departments of GCC states. It will also study the report of a technical committee to exempt national industrial products from customs duties.

The committee will discuss the procedures required to treat the commercial exchange among the GCC states beside the memo of GCC secretariat about allowing GCC nationals to practice economic activities in the other states of GCC according to certain restrictions that were approved in a previous meeting.

Khorafi added that the committee will also discuss the organisation of possessing real estate by the GCC states. He added that committee will study the unified system to supervise and control insurance work in the GCC states.



Farewell reception

THE Turkish Ambassador to Kuwait Guner Oztek hosted a reception at his residence to say farewell to Counsellor and Mrs Gursel Demirok, who leave Kuwait shortly. Diplomats, Kuwaiti officials and journalists attended the reception. Pictures show (from left) Mrs Demirok, Demirok, Mrs Oztek and the host pictured at the reception. (Photo by Javed Basra)

Eight family health centres in 1990

Family doctors to be graded

By Mahmoud Mursi

THE Ministry of Public Health is currently studying a proposal on family doctors grade system and financial incentives.

The proposal presented by the Family Medicine College at Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations is intended to grant family doctors the same work and financial benefits as specialists registered at hospitals.

The proposed project has also suggested reconsideration of the classification of doctors at health centres.

The head of Family Medicine College at Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations, and head of the Family Medicine Training Unit at the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Masoud Sarkhoh told "Seyassa" that an ideal family doctor grade system should go through a minimum eight year period. He pointed out that increments are judged through examination results, annual evaluations in the field and researches and studies conducted by doctors.

He stressed that the door is open for every qualified doctor to enter the family medicine field.

Sarkhoh represented Kuwait at the First Academic Conference held in Bahrain from May 21-22. On the other hand, Sarkhoh announced that a number of doctors who obtained Family Medicine Diploma Certificates from Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations in co-operation with the Royal British College have been transferred to health centres after graduation last March. He pointed out that Kuwait now has five family medicine health centres. Maidan Hawalli, Qadesiya,

Shamiya, Abdullah Al Salem, and Hadiya. The family medicine system was implemented at said Maidan Hawalli and Qadesiya health centres last March, he said.

Success
He added that Kuwait has been successful in implementing the family medicine system. He said that a new batch of 12 family doctors will graduate from the institute next November which will provide a good opportunity to implement the system at other health centres.

Meanwhile, Sarkhoh stated that the parallel training programme designated for currently working physicians will continue. He added that a new batch of 24 doctors will be accepted in this programme next October and another batch of doctors will graduate in January 1990.

The parallel training programme now includes 120 doctors, all of whom will be transferred to health centres for training. "This means that Kuwait will have eight family medicine health centres as of the beginning of 1990, in addition to 22 health centres working with the general medicine system."

Sarkhoh stressed that the family medicine system is characterised by its ability to diagnose each family, in addition to the fact that family doctors will personally present services to individuals and families registered at respective clinics.

Regarding the Bahrain Conference, Sarkhoh said that it aimed at explaining the essential features of family medicine in different countries. During the conference, delegations looked at different first aid techniques. He pointed out that ten foreign and Arab countries participated in the conference.

Demand for martyr's body

KUWAIT, June 7, (KUNA): Secretary-General of Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has demanded recovery of the body of the Kuwaiti national Fawzi Abdul Rasul Ibrahim Al Majadi who was killed in a commando operation against an Israeli military post in Misaf Aam settlement last Sunday.

In a message to the president of the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), secretary-general of KRCS said "we urge you to move swiftly and make the necessary contacts and arrangements to recover the body of the martyr and hand it over to his bereaved family."

"In this respect, you must be aware of the fact that, in many cases, the Israeli government never hesitates to violate all established rules and norms to recover corpses of its soldiers killed in military aggressions waged against the Arabs from time to time," the message read.

The message said the young Kuwaiti citizen had sacrificed his soul fighting for principles he had believed in, the justice of the Palestinian people's cause and the illegitimate Israeli occupation of Arab lands.

Active role for private sector

THE Chairman of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdulaziz Hamad Al Sager was quoted as saying that the chamber is currently preparing a unified formula for the recommendation set up by the five working teams that were empowered to study the country's economic situation.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the formula will be submitted to HH the Crown Prince and Premier. The difficult debt crisis and the relevant solutions to address this problem are priority issues of the studies that the chamber is currently involved in. Sager was quoted as saying. However, it is premature to discuss details of the final recommendations, the official added.

Role
Sager talking in the wake of the Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry Union's conference which took place in Kuwait on June 4 and 5, has confirmed the capability of the Kuwaiti private sector in playing an effective role.

Speaking of the talks during the conference, the official said that the conference had reviewed the activities of the union during the last session, adding that the conference had debated the report submitted by the Union's secretary-general in this connection. He added that the conference had discussed the horizons of co-operation in the field of trade and industry among the Arab countries and enhancing co-operation in the age of international blocs. He said that European co-operation will be completed by 1992, adding that this should encourage Arab countries to close their ranks and to sustain their economic co-operation.

Elements of Arab unity include religion, language and mutual objective are all vehicles which will be instrumental in inducing the Arab nation to work sincerely to realise the Arab Economic Community and economic integration.

He added that the conference had discussed the possibility of establishing a new chamber between the Arab Chamber of Commerce Union and Austria and India.

Apart from the above the conference had debated the Sino-Arab and Arab-Australian commercial relations, adding that several committees had been formed for revising and developing the unions constitution.

Exchange
In a related development, the board of the Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in the Arab countries stressed on importance of commercial exchange among the Arab countries to develop Arab commerce and industry.

The board which closed its meetings held in Kuwait has called on the union's secretariat to follow up its efforts in order to expand the exchange of national products among Arab states. It also called on Arab businessmen to support the work of economic integration of the Arab world.

The board is now involved in formulating future plans to achieve Arab economic integration up to the year 2000. The board discussed the report of the technical committee about future plans of the union. It will set up a constitutional committee of representatives of some Arab chambers to study and amend the internal charter of the union.

Information centres
The board agreed in principle to establish information centres at the union's secretariat. It stressed on the importance of issuing research economic magazine to link Arab businessmen.

The board also studied a report submitted by the secretariat of the union about meetings of the Arab-American Chamber of Commerce that were held in Washington last March. It agreed to appoint an American of Arab origin as chairman of the chamber.

Airconditioned summer clubs
THE controller of social and cultural activity at the School Activities Department at the Education Ministry Ramadan Abdul-Latif has said that the ministry will air-condition all schools that will be used as summer clubs during this summer.

The clubs will be opened from 20/6 to 22/8/89. He added that summer clubs will offer new programmes and activities during this summer like teaching car repair work at Salmiya and Fahahel summer clubs. They will also expand computer programmes to cover 18 summer clubs compared to only nine clubs last year.

Closing ranks behind Khomeini

(Continued from Page 1)

placed on stretchers for transfer to first aid stations. Iran's official media said almost 11,000 people were injured in three days of mourning since Khomeini's death on Saturday, with 438 taken to hospital. Tehran radio quoted an unidentified health service official as saying "many died" but no figures were given. Eight people were reported dead on Monday. Khomeini, 86, died in a Tehran hospital of a heart attack 11 days after undergoing surgery May 23 for internal bleeding. Khomeini, considered a moderate, was voted his successor on Sunday by 60 out of 74 experts who were handpicked by Khomeini in the early days of the revolution to handle the succession issue. But his appointment appeared a stop-gap measure to fill a political vacuum while constitutional reforms are prepared for approval in a referendum to be held Aug 18. Iranians also will vote for a new president that day with Khamenei, 49, barred from running for a third four-year term under the constitution. The only candidate so far declared is Rafsanjani, 55, a Khomeini ally and leader of the so-called pragmatists in the regime's infighting between moderate and hardliners. Khamenei said today Rafsanjani should remain acting commander of the armed forces, Tehran Radio reported. Khamenei also declared his faith in the Revolutionary Guards.

The Iranian constitution gives command of the armed forces to the leader of the Islamic republic, Khomeini's title. Khomeini appointed Rafsanjani acting commander a year ago after a series of military setbacks against Iraq. In a show of unity, the leading hardliners, Ardebili and Musavi, joined Rafsanjani and Khamenei in issuing a joint statement today pledging "to work together and continue the revolutionary patriarchy's policies."

The statement called on Iranians to "close ranks even further and watch out for probable moves and plots of the enemies" of the revolution. The Revolutionary Guards also declared allegiance to Khamenei.

The appeals for unity also reflected a mood of apprehension in Tehran about a future without Khomeini, whose political and religious authority had not been disputed by rival vanguard factions. Thousands of mourners flocked to the capital from Iranian cities to pray at Khomeini's grave. He was buried yesterday amid frenzied scenes of grief in a Beheshti Zahra cemetery in south Tehran beside others who died in the Gulf war during the 1979 revolution that brought him to power.

Groups of mourners also led Khomeini's home in the northern Tehran suburb of Azadegan. A huge portrait of the late leader was placed on his chair which was surrounded by red and white flowers, the colors of the Iranian flag.

An original final testament by Khomeini is to be kept in one of Iran's richest Islamic shrines, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today. Iranian opposition leaders said they will return from exile to the death of Khomeini, but analysts believe history has ended them. Former government officials of the late, deposed Shah are granting interviews and giving statements. The Mujahadeh-e Khalq rebel army, in Iraq, says its fighters are alert and awaiting the opportune moment to enter action.

Former President Abolhasan Sadr said he "certainly" would leave his exile home in Paris to return to Iran, but not say when. Im. Ahmad Madani, a former minister considered a hawk among the exiles, said six months is a probable time for his return. Ed Halliday, professor of international relations at the London School of Economics, issued all the predictions and

one of them counts for anything," he said. "They're all exaggerations of one kind or another. There are plenty of canes inside Iran, and they have to look for retreats." resident Ghulam Ishaque Khan said that the new regime in Iran has assured that it would spare no effort in strengthening the relations between Pakistan and Iran.

Rival factions jockey for power in post-Khomeini Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 7, (AP): In the aftermath of the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran moves into what could be the Islamic Revolution's most decisive phase as rival factions jockey for power.

Some analysts and Iranian opposition figures in exile predict a chaotic struggle for power among Khomeini's heirs. But most observers foresee a transition over many months of bitter, but largely peaceful, maneuvering.

The swift action by the 83-member assembly of experts in naming President Ali Khamenei as caretaker ruler Sunday appears to have contained an open struggle for power for the time being.

But it has not eliminated it. The country's political future is more uncertain now than at any period since Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was toppled in 1979 and Khomeini returned in triumph from exile to found the theocratic Islamic Republic.

In its 10 turbulent years, the republic has endured the hostility of much of the world, bloody internal schisms, a grueling war with Iraq and the humiliation of having to accept a cease-fire after a string of battlefield disasters.

But surviving Khomeini's death and settling the succession issue will be the revolution's most strenuous test.

Even as Khomeini was being buried in Tehran amid scenes of mass anguish among his loyalists, the men he installed in power

were lining up against each other.

On one side are the so-called pragmatists led by Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and Khamenei, who favour a collective leadership, opening doors to the West and tackling the urgent task of post-war reconstruction.

On the other are the anti-Western radicals under Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, who believe the revolution's survival depends on Iran's preeminence in the Muslim world and who seek the spread of Khomeini's fundamentalism.

Opposition groups in exile, including monarchists led by the Shah's son and heavily armed rebels based in Iraq, have largely been sidelined and don't appear to be contenders in the power struggle.

The outcome will determine the future of the republic as an ideological and religious structure.

Some analysts believe that Iran will move toward a less rigid religious-based system, downgrading the theocracy that has played such a dominant role since Khomeini was catapulted to power.

Khamenei, a Hojatoleslam or middle-ranking cleric, clearly has not inherited Khomeini's undisputed spiritual authority.

Since his appointment Sunday, Iran's official media has accorded him the courtesy title of "Ayatollah."

But it has not referred to him as "Imam," or spiritual leader as Khomeini was universally

known throughout Iran, or as "vali-e faqih," vice-regent of the Islamic jurists, the central figure in the political order.

Khamenei's appointment was "an implicit admission that the velayat-e faqih system was unique to Khomeini," Shahram Chubin, an Iran analyst with Geneva's Graduate Institute of International Affairs, said in a telephone interview.

"No one can command Khomeini's authority... there's a gap and it's got to be filled. There's movement toward a more secular system," he said.

"If the velayat-e faqih system can't work any more, why bother with a clerical leadership rather than a political one that can be acceptable?"

Khomeini died before he could oversee the settlement of the leadership question. That will likely be resolved Aug 18, when constitutional changes formulated by a 20-man committee Khomeini appointed in April will be put to the nation in a referendum held at the same time as presidential elections.

The constitutional amendments, aimed at eliminating competing centres of power which Khomeini described as flaws and imperfections, will have a far-reaching impact.

If, as seems likely, the committee invests the presidency with wider powers at the expense of the prime minister, the door will be open for a more liberal system which favours the so-called pragmatists.

The committee may also down-



Members of the Iranian Supreme Judicial Council attend a memorial service for the late Khomeini. (From left to right) Ayatollah Azari Ghomi, President Ali Khamenei, Khomeini's brother, Ayatollah Pasandideh and Khomeini's son, Ahmad Khomeini. (Reuters wirephoto)

grade the religious credentials needed for leadership and propose a collective leadership of three to five figures in the Tehran hierarchy.

"In the long run, I'd say the pragmatists will win," said London-based Iran specialist Bader Mo'in, whose biography of Khomeini will be published soon.

"But in the short term, even the pragmatists will have to pretend to be radical in order to survive," he noted. "Survival is the key question

for the leadership in Iran today. Even if they come up with hard-line rhetoric now, eventually they'll have to cope with the outside world and de-isolate themselves in order to survive."

One of the central strands in the power struggle is the economy. The war and chronic mismanagement has left it in bad shape.

The key question is whether those who eventually come out on top look inward, seeking to galvanize the revolutionary zeal that has clearly flagged, or out-

ward, to end Iran's isolation that has smothered development. Iran faces a social explosion in the years ahead. Its population, currently around 55 million, is expected to almost double to 100 million by the end of the century.

The armed forces have pledged allegiance to Khamenei. But the 350,000 man Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, arguably the most powerful component of the armed forces, has been factionalized by the political rivalry in Tehran.

Some analysts believe that it

could well be sucked into the power struggle as rival leaders resort to military muscle to settle the issue of who will govern Iran. In that scenario, Iran could again face the specter of open warfare between feuding factions as it did in 1980-81.

The 250,000-man regular army, once distrusted and bloodily purged because of its origins under the Shah, emerged from the war as a popular force, its discipline and integrity intact where the Revolutionary Guards were in disarray.

Qiao Shi emerging: Fang in US embassy

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Crack paratroopers did succeed, however, in leading several thousand people to safety to the south of the square before the 27th armoured units thundered in from the north.

The diplomat quoted witnesses as saying tanks and armoured troop carriers pulped bodies in Tiananmen Square and then incinerated them with flame-throwers.

How many people died last weekend will probably never be known. Estimates by diplomats range up to around 7,000.

Government spokesman Yuan Mu said yesterday that a total of nearly 300 troops and civilians had been killed and that about 400 soldiers were missing.

Senior military officer Zhang Gong said not a single person died in Tiananmen Square.

Their statements have been broadcast repeatedly on state television in an apparent attempt to counter reports reverberating through China that the People's Liberation Army, under orders from President Yang and Premier Li Peng, had turned against the people in a way never seen before.

China's government was stable and rejected interference by outside countries in its internal affairs, state television said in an official statement rebutting world-wide condemnation of the weekend bloodshed.

State television tonight showed the first pictures of Tiananmen Square since Sunday.

The camera panned slowly around the People's Heroes Monument in the centre of the square where crowds of students were said by witnesses to have been killed.

There was no commentary. Stains seen on the marble could have been blood but stone-work shown to viewers looked largely unscathed except for pock-marks which could have been made by bullets. Below the monument there were large areas of ash and debris.

In the background were military vehicles and many green-clad troops.

Diplomats stressed they had no absolute proof to confirm reports that the 38th Army garrisoned near Beijing had already attacked the 27th.

But it seemed that a massive show of force in the city centre was aimed more at intimidating other units than suppressing a movement led by largely unarmed civilians.

Western satellite pictures indicated that around 300,000 troops were surrounding Beijing. Their intentions were unknown.

A Chinese witness said that this morning he saw a helicopter fly over the south end of the vast square. Troops opened fire and it veered sharply away.

A Chinese journalist said the commander of the 38th Army had been arrested for refusing to obey President Yang's orders to use force. Diplomats had heard similar accounts but there was no way of verifying them.

The role of the Air Force could be crucial in determining the outcome, Western military experts said.

One expert quoted some Air Force sources as saying before the weekend of carnage that they wanted nothing to do with the Army's action against the students.

China's Foreign Ministry criticised the United States for its decision to ban arms sales and

Man in the news

Party cop takes over

BEIJING, June 7, (Reuters): Qiao Shi, a hardliner in China's leadership apparently appointed new head of the ruling Communist Party is widely believed to be in charge of the country's security and secret service networks.

Known as the "party's policeman," Qiao is seen as a conservative who supports gradual economic reform but opposes political changes such as those demanded by millions of demonstrators throughout China in recent weeks.

As with many of China's leaders, only the bare outline of Qiao's career is known and many details, including his exact date of birth, are unknown.

Qiao, 65 this year, has long been seen as a close supporter of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, but paradoxically was once believed to be the right-hand man of the late party chief Hu Yaobang, a reformist toppled from power in 1987.

A thick-set man who wears dark-rimmed glasses, Qiao has his power base in the party's internal security apparatus, while in public he has championed the cause of developing China's legal system and eradicating corruption from the party.

He was born in 1924 in the eastern Chinese province Zhejiang and joined the Communist Party in 1940 during the war against Japan.

According to his official biography, he was active in the underground party organisation in Shanghai during the war.

He helped organise a student movement in the city confronting the nationalists of Chiang Kai-shek in the years leading up to the Communist victory in 1949.

He held minor party posts for much of the 1950s and early 1960s, disappeared from sight during the upheavals of the Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s and reappeared in 1978.

The 1980s have seen his rise to prominence. He joined the Central Committee in 1982, the Politburo in 1985 and the Politburo's standing committee in 1987 after Hu Yaobang's downfall on charges of being too reformist.

According to the biography, Qiao gets up before 6 am each day and jogs and walks for nearly an hour.

"A non-smoker and a non-drinker, he works more than 10 hours a day," the biography says. "Those who have worked with Qiao are of the view that he attaches great importance to investigation and to hearing and soliciting various opinions, different opinions in particular," the biography adds.

Last year, the official press reported that Qiao went to Tibet following pro-independence riots and told party officials there that no mercy should be shown to the "tiny minority" of separatists.

Qiao was one of four party leaders who visited student demonstrators in central Beijing in an apparent attempt at conciliation immediately before martial law was declared on May 20.

reportedly singled out Zhao Ziyang as the instigator of the unrest and ordered his ouster.

In the provinces, increasingly violent demonstrations have taken place to protest the military invasion of central Beijing.

Six people were run over by a train while manning a barricade near the Shanghai railway station last night. The local radio said angry crowds set the train on fire and 21 railway security officials who tried to put it out were beaten and injured.



Qiao Shi

Heart & hatred

BEIJING, June 7, (Reuters): "I have just had my last cigarette. Tonight we are going to die."

The weeping woman spoke in Tiananmen Square as red flares criss-crossed the night sky.

Hours later, tanks and troops rolled in and turned his words to prophecy for many of his colleagues — and perhaps for him as well.

In the four days since the Sunday morning slaughter of demonstrators in Central Beijing, residents have expressed anguish and outrage in a number of ways, much of it in passionate words impossible to forget.

Among them: ■ "We cannot cry any more. It is too evil for tears. We can only fight and try to tell the world," — a woman speaking after troops shot dead two people near her home.

■ "You have killed our sons. May you all be sterile!" — a resident shouting at soldiers outside the Beijing Hotel.

■ "There is nothing in my heart but hatred" — middle-aged man explaining why he wasn't afraid.

■ "This is more Fascist than Fascism" — an hotel worker talking about the Tiananmen slaughter.

■ "If Chinese do not fear to live, they should not be afraid to die" — a student survivor of Tiananmen.

■ "If this were Deng's meat, it would be cheaper still!" — a shopper in a butcher shop commenting on supreme leader Deng Xiaoping and the price of meat in Beijing.

■ "Some of us students protected troops. We gave one some clothes and let him go. We cared for them but they didn't have an ounce of humanity. They continued to kill us," — a 21-year-old survivor of Tiananmen.

■ "I must find someone who will look after my parents if I die. The problem is, I'm an only son" — a young man trying to buy a train ticket to his hometown before what he predicted would be civil war.

ment offices and beat up 300 security officials, the provincial radio said. It did not comment on unconfirmed reports that 20 died in clashes.

US embassy dependent were ordered to leave the country, while the Austrian, British, Canadian, Japanese, Philippines, Swiss and West German embassies were arranging flights for diplomatic and civilian passengers today through Friday.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in an interview published today, proclaimed communism "at its end" and denounced the crackdown in China.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today she would ease some curbs on Hong Kong British citizens settling in Britain before the 1997 handover of the colony to China.

Spain has frozen high-level contacts with China.



Burnt-out train

Passers by and spectators look over the burnt-out remains of a Beijing to Shanghai passenger train yesterday in north-west Shanghai. The train hit a group of protesting students, seated on the tracks, killing six and injuring six, according to the Liberation Daily newspaper. (Reuters wirephoto)

Personality spotlight

China's best-known dissident

BEIJING: Astrophysicist Fang Lizhi earned his reputation as China's leading dissident with bold calls for political and intellectual freedom that rankled Communist Party leaders and prompted fellow progressives to dub him the "Andrei Sakharov of China."

The 53-year-old professor was expelled from the Communist Party and vilified in January 1987 for allegedly inciting student demonstrations for democracy that rocked China in late 1986.

Two years later, Fang found himself at the centre of a diplomatic storm when Chinese officials barred him from attending a Texas-style barbeque thrown by visiting President Bush.

In doing so, Chinese leaders rejected a clear though understated effort by Bush to send a signal to China on human rights.

Although usually vocal in calls for democracy and an end to political repression in China, Fang did not appear to play a

direct role in the wave of student protests that swept the nation in May. But party and government officials hinted in public statements that Fang and his wife, Li Shuxian, were secretly behind the movement.

Considered by liberal intellectuals as the "Andrei Sakharov of China," the outspoken physicist called on China's scientists to speak out against "wrong and evil things," in society.

In an interview published Dec 15, 1986, by the official Peking Review, he said, "the emergence and development of new theories necessitate creating an atmosphere of democracy and freedom in the university."

"In the university environment there should be nothing... that allows no questioning of why it must be upheld," Fang said in an apparent criticism of dogmatic adherence to Marxist theories.

His statements made him the most prominent target of a Communist Party campaign against

capitalist trends in China that began in late 1986.

Chinese sources said senior leader Deng Xiaoping ordered Fang expelled from the Communist Party to punish him for siding with students who staged a series of pro-democracy protests in more than a dozen Chinese cities starting in December 1986.

Fang's ideas undoubtedly inspired participants in China's campus unrest. In Peking, students erected handwritten posters quoting Fang as saying democracy was not granted by the party but earned through struggle.

The professor, who was sent to work in a railway gang during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, told foreign journalists he sympathized with the students' demands but did not approve of demonstrations.

In January 1989, Fang sent a letter to senior leader Deng Xiaoping asking for an amnesty for political prisoners in China, notably Wei Jingsheng.

Iranian dissident assassinated in Dubai

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since 1980, at about 4 am on Sunday. He told a friend, another Iranian exile, who met him in the hotel lobby, that he had been followed from the airport. He complained of fatigue and retired to his room where one or more killers are believed to have waited for him. He was found dead by the hotel staff at 9 am on Sunday.

His friend, who is now back in Paris, is not suspected of being involved in the murder, Ghanji said.

Bayahmadi had made several trips to Dubai where he met his contacts and from where he passed on messages to Iran. He personally chose hotels he stayed at and was in a habit of checking in at a different hotel on each of the trips. He had stayed in the Excelsior before his last trip.

The Iranian, who headed the

Army counter-espionage service during the Shah years, was part of a group that attempted to overthrow the Islamic Republic and reinstate Shapur Bakhtiar, the last prime minister before the 1979 revolution. Information about the plot was leaked and in the ensuing purge many of the conspirators were executed.

Bayahmadi and several others managed to flee but three were assassinated in Turkey between 1984 and 1986.

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Thought for today

It is easy to be wise after the event — English proverb.

Will Haughey be fifth-time lucky?

Snap election in Ireland

By Paul Majendle

DO the Irish trust Prime Minister Charles Haughey enough to give him free rein in power?

Four times in his see-saw career they have said no to an overall majority for the self-made millionaire known as the great survivor. Now, after taking a calculated gamble that could backfire on him, Haughey hopes he will be fifth time lucky in Ireland's general election on June 15.

Then he can concentrate on getting into the history books as the man who righted Ireland's debt-ridden economy.

Haughey's patience ran out when his minority Fianna Fail (Soldiers of Destiny) government was defeated in parliament last month for the sixth time in two years.

He decided on a snap election, with his popularity at an all-time high. Voters praised Haughey, 63, for embarking on a campaign of draconian state-spending cuts to save Ireland from the verge of bankruptcy.

Debt

This export-oriented island on the edge of Europe had built up a mountainous national debt of 25 billion pounds (\$38 billion). He slashed health and education budgets, cut the civil service and negotiated inflation-linked wage rises with unions.

Borrowing has been stabilised, inflation is down to 3.3 per cent and a healthy trade surplus built up.

But almost one in five are still jobless, up to 30,000 people emigrate every year to Australia, Britain and North America, and Ireland ranks behind Greece and Portugal as the third poorest member of the European Economic Community.

Poignant notices have appeared on several doorways in Donegal, the impoverished northwest tip of Ireland, saying "politicians and election workers are requested not to call. Family emigrating next week."

One out of every ten punts produced by the Irish economy still goes in national debt interest repayments and Haughey warned voters that his 'hair-shirt economics' are not over yet.

Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats, the centre-right opposition parties who formed a pre-election coalition, argue that Haughey could not have achieved so much without their help.

In a rare display of consensus in Irish politics, they had backed Haughey's get-tough attitude to the economy. They say an election is irresponsible and unnecessary. Minority status concentrated Haughey's mind, they argue.

Long-time opponent Conor Cruise O'Brien says of this election "if Haughey obtains a majority, then he will be the nearest thing to a dictator that Ireland has yet known."

Critics

Critics argue that Haughey has an almost Napoleonic disdain for his rivals and is ready to crush any opposition in his craving for the overall majority that has always eluded him.

Admirers, who sing 'rise up and follow Charlie' at party gatherings, praise him as a streetwise man of the people who can rally the traditional working class support given to his Fianna Fail party and bring in big business as well.

Two major opinion polls conducted in the first half of the three-week campaign show support sliding for Haughey. Still, the bookmakers in this horse racing-mad country make him an overwhelming favourite to retain his job.

With surgery queues building up and hospitals closing, the nation's health has become a big election issue. The opposition pledges to clear the queues with funds from the national lottery.

Local issues often dominate the poll. When Fine Gael leader Alan Dukes went to Roscommon, his reception from one local farmer was almost apal.

The farmer confessed to reporters afterwards: "I kissed his hand. I did indeed. Sure it was no harm and I asked him to get me the old age pension."

The wives of three Army soldiers are standing as independents to publicise their campaign to win more pay for their husbands. "It is a change from making beds and making dinner," one of the campaigning wives said.

Conflict

Less than one in five of the voters consider the guerrilla conflict being waged on their doorstep to be an issue.

Almost 3,000 people have been killed in the 20-year campaign by Irish Republican Army guerrillas to oust Britain from Northern Ireland. Sinn Féin, the IRA's political wing, does not expect to win a single seat in the Dublin parliament.

Austin Currie, one of the founders of the civil rights movement that sought to give the North's Catholic minority better jobs, education and housing, came south to fight the Irish election for Fine Gael.

He is astounded by the cynicism he encounters among Dubliners. "There's far more here than in the north. There people know the score, that it is a choice between the ballot box and the Armalite rifle."

Economic policy differences between the main contenders — Fianna Fail and the centre-right coalition of opposition parties — are marginal.

The left, headed by the Irish Labour Party and the Workers Party, is one of the weakest in Europe and can probably count on garnering only one sixth of the total vote.

So, with unemployment and emigration still too high and the health cuts beginning to bite, the big issue for the voters at their fifth election in eight years will be who is best-equipped to keep Ireland steady on the still rocky road to recovery.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 632 — The Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) dies.
- 1663 — British and Portuguese defeat Spaniards at Amegial.
- 1762 — Russia-Prussia alliance against Austria is concluded.
- 1867 — Prussian troops annex duchy of Holstein.
- 1883 — France, by convention of Marsa with Bey of Tunis, gains effective control of Tunisia.
- 1915 — Allied forces take Neuville in France from Germans in World War I.
- 1925 — Britain and France accept in principle Germany's proposals for security pact to guarantee Franco-German and Beigo-German boundaries.
- 1942 — Japanese submarines shell Sydney, Australia, in World War II.
- 1965 — US troops in Vietnam are authorized to engage in offensive operations.
- 1973 — Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco relinquishes some of his power by naming Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco as premier.
- 1976 — Large force of Syrian troops moves into Lebanon, where civil war rages.
- 1987 — Seven civilians die in clash between grenade-throwing Tamil rebels and police commandos on main street of Batticaloa in Sri Lanka.
- 1988 — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze tells United Nations that Moscow would observe permanent moratorium on nuclear testing if United States also agrees.

Muslim Brotherhood set to mount strong challenge

Fundamentalists hope for poll boost in Egypt

By Sara El Gammal

EGYPTIAN elections this week will be a key test for Islamic fundamentalists, the strongest of several fractured opposition groups struggling to make inroads against the powerful ruling party.

The Muslim Brotherhood movement hopes its call for Islamic government will woo voters away from the more pragmatic platform of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) in Thursday's poll for the Shura council, which recommends laws to parliament.

Political analysts say the Brotherhood, founded in 1928, will not win a majority but looks set to mount a strong challenge. It is possibly the only political group that poses a long-term threat to the government, they add.

Threat

"It is a threat in that many sympathisers are people working away in all fields — trade unions, professional associations, government ministries and even the security forces," said Charles Tripp, a foreign political observer living in Cairo.

The NDP won all 140 seats in the last elections for the council nine years ago. Opposition groups boycotted that poll, saying it would not be held fairly.

The Brotherhood, now standing in alliance with the Socialist Labour Party (SLP) and the Liberal Socialist Party (LSP), hopes it will not suffer from the apathy that Egyptians feel for many opposition groups.

"Opposition parties are smoke with no fire," said taxi driver Mahmoud Mohammed. "All they do is talk, talk, talk, but we don't see anything else from them."

Analysts say neither the Brotherhood nor any other opposition group has put forward a coherent strategy to tackle the country's economic woes.

In one of the most open Arab societies, no charismatic leader has emerged to challenge President Hosni Mubarak by capitalising on discontent over food prices.

The left, preaching socialism with a whiff of 1950s communism, is no longer fashionable.

The traditional centre-right WAFD party, swept to power by a mass following in the 1920s, is a shadow of its former self, its leaders given to reminis-

cing about past glories. The WAFD is boycotting Thursday's poll, saying it fears vote-rigging.

The rightwing LSP and the SLP — a mixed bag of Fascists, Socialists and Islamists — have survived by adopting the political apparel of the Muslim Brotherhood, declaring that Islam is the solution.

The Brotherhood's alliance with the LSP and SLP is the strongest opposition group in the 458-seat parliament, with 61 legislators. The NDP dominates with 362.

Rejects

Unlike some Islamic groups, the Brotherhood says it rejects violence in its bid to win power and introduce Islamic law.

"The Brotherhood is seen by many as being perhaps the only realistic Islamic alternative in Egypt," Tripp said.

On the political fringe is the banned Islamic Jihad organisation, dedicated to overthrowing the state. There are also influential Islamic student societies with a network of clinics and welfare organisations in several cities.

Within the Islamic movement are people who believe in state controls on the economy. Others are wedded to free-market principles.

"I don't think the Islamic movement has risen to the challenge thrown down by Mubarak in allowing them a role in the political life of the country," said one Western diplomat.

"So far they've failed to come up with an alternative programme for running the country."

Mubarak plans further liberalising economic reforms and the NDP is pointing to wage rises and housing improvements in its election campaign.

Islamic Fakhr Howaidi said that the Brotherhood has grown in strength on the streets because it has had little competition at grassroots level.

One Brotherhood leader, Maamoun El Hodeibi, said his organisation was recruiting more followers — especially in reaction to arrests of Islamists.

At least 1,500 people have been detained in the past two months under emergency laws passed after religious zealots shot President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

Opposition parties could benefit from unpopular austerity measures introduced by the government to tackle foreign debt estimated at \$50 billion, analysts said.

Government acknowledges Solidarity's mandate

Poles vote for reform

By Patrick Worsnip

A CRUSHING defeat in Poland's unprecedented party-free elections appears to have convinced its communist rulers that there is no alternative to pressing ahead towards a democratic society.

"We are in the course of moving from one system to another," said government spokesman Zbyslaw Rykowski. "There is no other way out. The system of monopoly is over. We have made a very important step."

Although it remains unclear how far and how fast the Communist Party that has governed for 45 years is ready to go, it has acted quickly to quell ideas that the election result could prompt a backlash and stop reforms in their tracks.

"I want to state that we are consistent. We shall not leave the road of democracy and reform," said party spokesman Jan Jaztyga the day after Sunday's voting.

The other main result of the election has been to demonstrate to the government that the Solidarity free trade union is its only possible partner in ruling the country as it seeks to dismantle the legacy of Stalinism.

At the polls, Solidarity overwhelmed the government coalition single-handed. Other opposition candidates, among them right-wing Catholic Nationalists, got nowhere.

Under a pact agreed in advance by the government and Solidarity, the ruling coalition was allowed to retain a 65 per

cent majority in the 460-seat Sejm (lower house of parliament) but there was a free contest for a newly-created Senate.

Unofficial results indicated that the union had captured all but one of the opposition's 35 per cent allocation of 161 seats in the Sejm, and 92 of the 100 Senate seats on the first ballot alone. It is still in contention for the remaining nine seats, which will be decided in a second round on June 18.

A serious problem has arisen over 35 government VIPs, including Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who were standing unopposed for the Sejm, but who seemed unlikely to get in due to being crossed out on ballot papers by over half the voters.

To leave the 35 seats vacant would be unconstitutional, but Solidarity, indicating it would not make any issue of the problem, said these were government seats and it was up to the government to fill them by any means it thought fit.

As both government and Solidarity attempt to digest the election results, the immediate question is how the two sides will collaborate to tackle Poland's economic problems, which include raging inflation and a 39-billion-dollar foreign debt.

Government leaders say they would like to see Solidarity join in a grand coalition, but the union has rejected this.

"We informed the electors that we would be an opposition group, not a potential partner in a ruling coalition," said

Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz.

"We will co-operate on an issue-by-issue basis, but it doesn't mean we should join the government." He did not, however, rule it out in the long term, merely saying it was "not on the cards now."

Solidarity, whose membership is far lower since it was re-legalised two months ago than before martial law in 1981, is well aware that it may appear to the public to be steering too close to the government.

Such a perception may explain the poor election turnout of 62 per cent as well as the general low-key reaction of the public to a result which appears at first sight to spell doom for communism in Poland and perhaps elsewhere in East Europe.

Many Poles appeared to suspect that political changes would be slow in coming, and an improvement in their standard of living slower still. "This country will continue to be run from Moscow, however we vote," one elector said on polling day.

Whether or not Poland does adopt a Western-style democratic system appears to turn on a less than wholly clear phrase in April's government-Solidarity agreement which provided for this week's elections.

It says: "The sides will do everything to ensure that the composition of the next parliament (to be elected in 1993) is fully determined by the will of the voters."

(Reuters, Poland)



The Muslim Brotherhood is calling for an Islamic government in Egypt

Kurds resurface in Turkey

By Hugh Pope

RUST is eating away at letters spelling the slogans "we are all one race" and "How happy is he who says he is a Turk" on rickety arches in the mainly Kurdish city of Diyarbakir in south-eastern Turkey.

Diplomats and Turkish liberals say Ankara's policy towards the officially unrecognised Kurdish population, who live mainly in this area, is in similarly outdated shape.

"The state policy (on the Kurds) needs revision," said the mainstream Noka magazine in an article on a growing debate about one of Turkey's deepest-rooted political problems.

Kurds, unlike Armenians and Greeks, are not regarded as a minority but as Turks, which effectively deprives them of the rights to publish and run schools in their own language.

Kurdish is banned in official use and Kurds have been fined or otherwise punished for speaking Kurdish in public.

Rebels fighting for a separate Kurdish state launched a new offensive this year, in defiance of government claims to have crushed their 4-1/2-year-old insurgency which has killed nearly 1,500 people.

Allegations of torture, arbitrary arrests and at least 1,000 Kurds jailed for political crimes, including a 17-year-old schoolgirl for saying "I support Kurds," also help to undermine Turkey's application to join the European Economic Community.

A high birth rate makes the Kurds the fastest-growing element in Turkish society. Some

parliamentarians estimate they now account for between 25 and 40 per cent of Turkey's 55 million people.

"People must accept what the race and language of the people is. These people should be respected," said Kemal Birlik, a Kurdish deputy from the ruling centre-right Motherland Party.

A more open discussion of the Kurdish problem is part of an outward softening of a policy of total assimilation practised since soon after the Turkish republic was founded in 1923. But not everybody favours full relaxation.

"What is missing is a real determination to end (rebel) brigandage," wrote Oktay Eksi, chief commentator for Hurriyet newspaper, whose motto is "Turkey is for the Turks."

Hardliners reject conciliation because they allege that Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) guerrillas have

used terrorist methods, and have been involved in drug trafficking, but most of all because they aim for a separate Kurdish state.

Turkish officials say there is foreign backing for the PKK, ranging from bases in Lebanon's Bekaa valley to safe houses in Syria and, recently, apparent safe passage through Iran.

A theory has gained strength in the past year that frontal attack and deportations may not be the only way to end a long history of Kurdish rebellions.

Southeast regional governor Hayri Kozakcioglu has said that investment and education are also vital in an area virtually without industry and where schools average 70 to a class.

The Motherland's Birlik said better administrators were now being posted to the region, still sometimes seen as a kind of internal exile by the civil service.

"There must also be better education and proper investment," Birlik said. "It is hunger that makes people go to the hills, join the rebels and get involved in smuggling."

Huge dam projects are fitfully getting under way to harness the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, irrigate huge new areas and create 1.6 million jobs.

Ibrahim Aksoy, a leftist Kurdish deputy who has started to speak boldly on the problem, told Reuters: "Everywhere Kurds are now doormen, waiters and workers. They want equality."

A relaxation of policy on Kurdish culture is also apparent.

Despite a 1983 law banning the Kurdish language, plaintive Kurdish folksongs are now heard in many coffee houses in the Diyarbakir bazaar, and most business is done in Kurdish.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said last month people could speak Kurdish in private.

Newspapers now often print the words Kurd and Kurdish, which were previously taboo, and Kurdish is freely used in the offices of Kurdish parliamentary deputies.

Of 450 deputies, about 150 are of Kurdish origin, including the interior minister. More than 30 deputies are now prepared to say "I am a Kurd" — unheard of two years ago.

But as yet there is no Kurdish parliamentary group and no sign of legislation to allow any official status to Kurdish, an Indo-European language different to central Asian Turkish.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faulty judgement

SIR: I wish to congratulate the managing committee of the Indian Arts Circle for organising a one-act play competition involving all the linguistic groups of India.

This was the first chance for many of us in Kuwait to have some first-hand knowledge of the developments in drama in various languages. The award ceremony on May 23, was a befitting finale to the competition — orderly and colourful.

However, to the dismay of many, the quality of many a drama presented, was mediocre. I am sure they do have much better plays in these languages.

The award night was also a total disappointment to the discerning drama lover. There, it was proved that, like many of the plays performed, the quality of evaluation was also mediocre.

In a competition of visual art, the technical and artistic excellence are the criteria rather than the total effect on the audience. For this, the judges must be familiar with the techniques used, in addition to a thorough knowledge of the artform. To judge the competition in question, one should be well aware of stage craft and the various techniques used in presenting plays.

Finally, he should be able to observe the play with total detachment and objectivity.

The systems used in arriving at final results may vary, but the aim is the same — the best should win. Judgement based on total marks is admissible where it is a one-day competition, where each performance is fresh in the minds of the judges. But when the competition is over two or

more days, it is the combined decision of the judges, arrived at after proper re-evaluation and deliberations, that declares the winners, not the mathematical sums. In this competition, the judges close to ignore all these with the result that: (1) A minor role — no doubt, well performed — won the best actress award. (2) A drama Sadgathi which hardly had any sets worth mentioning, won the award for best set. (3) A director who showed total lack of stagecraft won the best director's award. (4) A play that should have been disqualified for violating the norms of dramatics and competition was awarded the trophy for best play.

This is no way to deny that 'Sadgathi' was the best appreciated drama. If audience reaction is any criterion, 'Sadgathi' should win. Not so in a competition. There, artistic and technical excellence are the criteria. And that is why judges are required.

I do hope that in future the Indian Arts Circle authorities would do all they can to make the one-act play competition a worthwhile affair where good plays of artistic and technical excellence will find acclaim.

A drama lover

Hot and broiled

SIR: The visa and consular services of the British embassy have recently shifted to new premises at Bneid Al Gar. The formal opening was performed by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

I would like to invite some of your esteemed readers to come and apply for a visit visa through the normal channels

during the peak season — May to July.

With a temperature of 46°C on June 4, we stood in line since 7.30 am till the gates opened at 8.00 am. After 40 minutes we were told that "no more applications could be accepted" today.

Fortunately I was one of the lucky individuals who were inside waiting at the courtyard. This had a football net as a cover against the blazing sun and four fans supplying hot air. There was a small water cooler which however could not cope with the heavy demand. Some women were given priority but not the poor maids present. Many said they came without breakfast and complained of dizziness.

I request the embassy staff and their families to stand in the queue and experience this broiling of human beings. If they need two second-hand window air-conditioners, I am willing to donate.

Mahesh Desai.

Ability but no quality

SIR: Even though the Kerala Sports Club are champions of most of the local volleyball ball tournaments and also the champions of the I.O.C.C. volleyball tournament held at Abbasiya, it appears that they are lacking in sportsmanship. The ugly and indecent scene they created at the prize distribution ceremony of the I.O.C.C. tournament is a clear example.

In the quarterfinal match against Western India Club, the Kerala Sports Club reported 45 minutes later than the scheduled time. If the Western India Club had protested, they might have got a walkover decision against the Kerala Sports Club. But they patiently waited and played the game. Even though they

lost they showed a real sporting spirit.

In my view the Kerala Sports Club has the ability but not the qualities of a champion. Because of these reasons the opponent teams playing against the Kerala Sports Club always seem to get ground support. I am sure that the spectators who were there at the prize distribution ceremony at Abbasiya will agree with me.

A.K. Ravindra.

Inhumane employers

SIR: I appreciate your articles about the situation pertaining to maids in the Gulf ('Maids tortured' AT, May 24). Hiring maids seems to have become a fashion, so that anyone who can afford to pay KD 30 or KD 40 hires one without taking into consideration their ability to handle one. Some of these employers are extremely ignorant and seem to think that maids need only their KD 30 or 40 but no humane treatment.

There are also some unscrupulous agents here and in the Philippines who are bringing maids to this country illegally. I hope the authorities and the embassies concerned will take action.

Genevieve Villak, Salmiya.

Preferential treatment

SIR: From junior one onwards every year, the Gulf English School awards certificates of merit according to the yearly academic performance of the students.

I have noticed that these certificates go to the same students year by year with the

exception of one or two. This discourages the rest of the pupils who have also worked very hard, as in the case of my child, who works diligently every year with the sole purpose of getting one of the certificates at least, but to no avail.

Moreover, these students are told by their teachers not to complain to the school authorities — hence this letter.

I would hate to think that preferential treatment is given to some pupils because they have influential parents.

I hope in the future the school teachers will concentrate more on the less fortunate students and see that they, too, come into the 'deserving' category.

A Parent

Greedy teachers

SIR: I am an avid fan of your paper and would like to draw your attention towards some grievances in the Indian School.

Some of the teachers in I.S.K., Salmiyah have a full day job of teaching with classes in the morning and tuitions in the evening. Giving tuition is not a bad idea but it seems some of the teachers are now attempting to have their class students to the tuition classes by not explaining properly to them in the class. This is thoroughly disgusting and the school authorities should investigate.

A concerned parent.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Al Khalid chairs exchange meeting

Budget approved

KUWAIT, June 7. (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid presided over a meeting here today for the Kuwait Stock Exchange committee.

Al Khalid told reporters following the meeting that the market's next year budget was discussed and approved at the meeting. The committee, he added, recommended formation of a sub-committee to be entrusted with studying means of developing the budget through increasing revenues and reducing expenditure to cope with new responsibilities.

Responding to a question, the minister said hopes are attached on the sub-committee to take effective measures to patch up the gap in the market's budget and to adopt efficient future plans in co-operation with the market's administration.

The minister said the parallel market was not delayed but a specific date had been set as a prelude for registration of companies in the market, noting that operations in the parallel market have been effective since June 3.

The market's administration and the sub-committee are fully empowered to decide on registration of companies, said the minister.

Al Khalid highlighted that he has no fears from companies' registration in the parallel market as such a decision needs an in-depth study by the companies themselves, particularly the targeted ones.

"We have been targeting the closed Kuwaiti companies that proved actual success and ability to deal with the present and future situations," the minister said.

Al Khalid said the specialised committees are presently looking into a new plan of increasing market's assets which also aim at reinforcing economy as a whole.

Ministers to discuss ways to strengthen economic ties

KUWAIT, June 7. (KUNA): GCC finance and economics ministers meet in Riyadh today in one of their regular conferences to discuss ways to accelerate economic and financial co-operation among the six members of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi who will represent Kuwait in the meeting admitted in statements published here today that economic co-operation between GCC members was going at a snail's pace and noted that steps in that direction need ample time.

Khorafi told local daily he and his five GCC counterparts will thoroughly review efforts to nifty GCC tariffs for dealing with the outside world.

Real-estate ownership in the GCC countries, performance of insurance companies, and incentives for the industrial sector also are key issues to be mooted in the meeting, he added.

He said the topics were not new to the agenda of the committee which has been regularly consulting regarding them under directives and recommendations of GCC summit.

United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Finance Affairs and Industry Ahmed Al Tayer day left for Riyadh to participate in the GCC economic and finance co-operation committee.

In a departure statement, he said that the conference will discuss important issues and are expected to take decisive resolutions concerning the economic market.

He added that the ministers will discuss a number of economic issues which the secretariat-general has prepared on the continuation of unifying the GCC member states customs tariffs towards the outside world.

Meanwhile, calls for the acceleration of Arab economic integration marked the end in wait of the 69th meeting of the Arab League Council of Ministers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture which wound up last night.

The board took note of a report from the union's general secretariat which pointed out that Arab economies are approaching a new phase in which the state sector is assuming a larger role.

Rare cash offer

Egypt to stave off wheat shortage

CAIRO, June 7. (Reuters): Egypt appears to have staved off a looming wheat shortage by making a rare offer to pay cash and by stitching up deals with foreign creditors.

A month ago, debt-ridden Egypt was warning unofficially that by mid-summer it might not be able to afford the huge imports that supply the Arab world's most populous country with bread.

But foreign analysts say Egypt had now covered wheat supplies for most of September, staving off the spectre of a repeat of food riots that rocked the country in 1977. Subsidised bread is the country's

staple diet. Recent moves by Egypt, the third largest wheat importer after the Soviet Union and China, include a world tender announced last week for 200,000 tonnes of wheat.

Foreign agriculture experts wonder where Egypt found the money. It would be the first time Cairo, which normally buys on credit, has made a complete purchase for cash since the early 1970s.

"Given the chaotic way the Egyptians run their accounting it is quite possible they just found the money somewhere," a Western expert said. "Politically they cannot afford to run

out (of bread)," said another. "They understand what their problem is and that they are going to meet their obligations to their people."

France agreed to release 150,000 tonnes of flour after Egypt promised to repay credit of some \$64 million, and the experts said Italy might supply 50,000 tonnes. Some \$50 million in credit has also come from the United States.

Egypt imports about six million tonnes of wheat a year, about 40 per cent from the United States and the rest from Australia and the European Economic Community. Domestic wheat production this year, a

bumper crop, was just 3.2 million tonnes. Import costs are rising as the population of more than 50 million grows quickly and world wheat prices soar. Prices are now twice the level of two or three years ago.

The foreign experts said a shortage could occur later this year. Further credit might be secured from the United States, but other suppliers were wary because of Egypt's failure to repay credits of some \$4 billion.

Egypt, whose total foreign debt is estimated by foreign bankers at \$50 billion, aims to cut imports by growing more food.

OPEC ministers reach agreement on production

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most probably voice reservations about the agreement.

The extra they would get under a pro rata share of the increased demand for OPEC oil would, on a rough calculation, add up to about 110,000.

Oteiba, while saying he was being unfairly treated, has talked of "showing restraint".

Oil traders say OPEC quotas are like speed limits anyway, and the issue is less what they are than by how much they get broken.

The Paris-based International Energy Agency, the West's energy watchdog, sees demand for OPEC oil reaching almost 21 million barrels daily in the second half of the year — enough to accommodate some OPEC quota "leakage" — provided heavyweights like Saudi Arabia do not join in.

Iraq's Al Chalabi said after more talks among leading ministers that "we are working towards an agreement."

Libya's Fawzi Shakshouki said the main proposal was for a ceiling at 19.5 million barrels for the next six months and a pro rata rise on individual quotas. Delegates said that unless

Kuwait backed down, on which there was still no word, one question was whether a form of words would be found to enable it to sign such an agreement.

A Gulf delegate later said Kuwait would sign with reservations on the clause in the complex OPEC accord assigning pro rata quota increases, and would not feel bound by it.

New York July futures for US benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil were down on the day around 60 cents to \$19.85 a barrel after news of the OPEC package.

Sheikh Ali was quoted today as saying Kuwait was adamant that its output quota be raised to 1.35 million barrels a day "to meet its external and domestic obligations."

Interviewed by a Kuwaiti daily at the meeting of the ministerial council of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna, Sheikh Ali said OPEC will maintain a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

"Kuwait will not drop its demand that its output quota be slightly increased to 1.35 million barrels a day," said Sheikh Ali. "I would also like to say that this quota will increase with the passage of time."

Kuwait's current quota is 1.037 million barrels per day.

"Our domestic and external commitments, including feeding our refineries, make it imperative for us to exceed our OPEC-decreed quota. We do not like to sign an agreement and fail to honour it," he said.

"Our share of OPEC's total production in accordance with various criteria ranges between nine and 13 per cent. But at this current meeting we did not ask for such a ratio but asked for a meagre increment," he added.

Kuwait's three domestic refineries plus one it owns in Holland and one in Denmark need about 800,000 barrels a day in total to function at full capacity.

Asked about the course of the OPEC session, the Kuwaiti minister said two proposals existed at the Vienna meeting with regard to the production ceiling — one calling for a higher production ceiling as a means of blocking excess output by member states, and the other wanted "an artificial ceiling lower than the demand for OPEC oil."

Kuwait supported the proposals for the increase, said Sheikh Ali, citing international estimates that place demand for

OPEC oil this year at over 21 million barrels a day.

Arguing against a low ceiling, Sheikh Ali said: "Such a ceiling will inevitably motivate member state to violate their quotas to meet the demand for oil ... OPEC's problems will build up like a snowball."

On pricing, Sheikh Ali said that the OPEC members were in agreement to retain the \$18 per barrel as reference price for the remainder of the year.

The Saudi Arabian council of ministers, meeting under the chairmanship of Crown Prince Abdullah has expressed the hope that a spirit of co-operation will mark OPEC's current conference in Vienna and that the outcome will be positive.

The cabinet was hopeful that the meeting would reach decisions which would help preserve the balance between demand and supply.

According to a spokesman, the council of ministers warned that any imbalance in the oil market would damage the interests of both producing and consuming nations. It was confident that OPEC's experience would enable it to avoid any pitfalls and help it bring the mid-year meeting to a successful end.

World crude oil prices treaded water yesterday as traders awaited word of an agreement from the OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna.

Refined products, however, fell sharply on the New York Mercantile Exchange in anticipation of an American Petroleum Institute report showing a buildup in stocks of gasoline and home heating oil.

Released after the Merc closed, the API report actually showed gasoline stocks declined a moderate 1.9 million barrels last week despite expectations of an increase.

West Texas Intermediate ended the day yesterday down six cents to \$20.46.

On the US Gulf coast spot market, where crude is bought and sold for cash, WTI dropped five cents a barrel to \$20.35.

On the European spot market, the price of UAE Dubai light — the key OPEC crude from the Middle East — also was off five cents to \$15.85 a barrel.

Britain's widely traded North Sea Brent crude fell two cents to \$18.48 a barrel.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, Brent futures contracts gained one cent to end the day at \$18.04 a barrel.

Gold climbs

Dollar ends lower

LONDON, June 7. (Reuters): The dollar eased in Europe today as a trend towards lower interest rates in the United States drew the market's attention away from the crisis in China, dealers said.

"Things could change if the situation in China gets worse again, but for the moment people are waiting and thinking about other things," said one currency trader in Frankfurt. "People are watching interest rates rather than China."

In London a trader with a US bank said: "The upward pressure on the dollar because of the China troubles has lessened with everyone now tending to focus on its smaller interest rate advantage after the Fed easing."

Business was slack, especially in London where many dealers took time off to watch the prestigious Epsom Derby horse race.

Oil prices dropped after news that OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna had reached agreement on oil output for the rest of 1989.

West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude, swiftly lost 60 cents to stand under \$20 a barrel.

Europe's main stock markets were generally firmer, with Frankfurt hitting its highest since the October 1987 global crash of share values.

And gold climbed more than \$10 an ounce as investors worried by the events in China sought refuge in bullion.

Andrew Smith of London broker UBS Phillips and Drew said the first reaction to the Chinese crisis was a flight to the dollar, but then as the turmoil deepened attention switched to gold, the more traditional "safe haven" in

times of uncertainty. Gold bullion closed in London at \$375.25 an ounce against Tuesday's finish of \$365.

Dealers said the turmoil in China was underpinning the dollar but that an easing in the Federal funds rate, the interest rate at which commercial banks lend overnight to each other, was detracting from the currency investment attraction.

The Fed funds rate, which is heavily influenced by the central bank, the Federal Reserve, is the key indicator of US interest rate patterns.

The dollar ended in London at 1.9440 West German marks and 142.55 Japanese yen against Tuesday's closing 1.9780 and 143.20.

In stock markets, Frankfurt ended 1.3 per cent higher. Dealers said the rise was helped by easier interest rates, signs the West German economy, Europe's largest, was growing strongly, and a steady flow of good corporate results.

"We can't think of anything now that could stop this rally," one dealer said. "Everything is perfect."

In UK shares were mostly firmer this afternoon helped by early gains on Wall Street, but investor interest was mainly confined to special situation stocks and business remained very thin, dealers said.

By 1441 GMT the FTSE 100 was 9.6 firmer at 2117.0, just a point off the day's high with turnover at 365.2 million shares.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson will be speaking in the debate and is expected to reiterate the government's commitment to fighting inflation.

APICORP may finance TPRC

Oil deal

THE board of directors of Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (APICORP) held its 2nd meeting for 1989 on Sunday, at the corporation's head office in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia. The meeting was chaired by Jamal Hassan Jawa, the representative of Saudi Arabia. The meeting was also attended by the representatives of the governments of the Libyan Jamahiriya, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syria, Algeria, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and Egypt.

Turkey and the Banque Arabee Internationale d'Investissement (BAII) Holdings, Paris.

The executive board is likely to finance the purchase of Arab crude oil worth \$200 million by the Turkish Petroleum Refineries Company.

In the sphere of loans and project finance, the board took note of the contract signed by The Arab Company for Detergent Chemicals (ARADET) in Iraq with a European company for the construction of the Sodium Tripolyphosphate Plant (STPP), with an annual output of 50 thousand tons.

The plant to be built in Al Qaim in Iraq will be supplied with phosphoric acid from the fertilizers compound in the area.

APICORP as one of the leading shareholders in (ARADET) has played the major role in arranging the financing of the project, by co-ordinating between different Arab and European banks and institutions as well as Export Credit Agencies to put the agreements in their final form.

These loans are composed of: DM 53 million buyers credit, US\$35 million commercial loan. In addition, APICORP offered a direct commercial loan for the sum of DM18 million. Loan agreements were signed on 7 April 1989.

APICORP is an affiliate of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

Two-way trade totals \$2.85b

Bank of China faces massive withdrawals

SINGAPORE, June 7. (Reuters): Hundreds of Singaporeans queued for more than a km (mile) outside the Bank of China to withdraw their savings today because of concern over events in China.

The bank, which remained open till 10 pm (0200 GMT) on Tuesday to clear the rush of some 3,000 depositors, paid out more than 27 million dollars (\$13.5 million), deputy general manager Min You-Chi said.

"This is a fraction of our total deposits. The bank will try to accommodate all who wanted to withdraw their money," he said.

Some among the mainly elderly ethnic Chinese Singaporeans who queued today said they would transfer their money to a non-Chinese bank.

Many customers, accompanied by their relatives, brought packed lunches, anticipating a long wait.

Police guided the crowd inching towards the bank building in the heart of the business district in two lanes.

"I want to withdraw all my savings of 14,000 dollars (\$7,000) because I fear my money is not safe with the bank," said a housewife, who queued up at 4 am (2000 GMT).

"The Bank of China ranks among the 20th of the largest international banks. We have billions and billions of dollars to honour our commitments," Min said.

"We are in communication with our head office in the mainland and it fully backs (financially) our position."

The bank today reported the situation to the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) — the country's Central Bank.

Under Singapore's banking regulations, Bank of China was required to keep at least 24 per cent of its cash holdings with the MAS, he said. "The cash deposit with the MAS and other MAS rules fully protect the interest of our clients," Min said.

An MAS spokesman said they were monitoring the situation. So far the bank had met the demands of its depositors, he said.

Min said some Singapore banks had offered loans in case the bank ran out of cash. "We told them we are quite comfortable with the present cash position," he said.

The bank and its three Singaporean branches are mostly used by Chinese Singaporeans to remit money to relatives in China.

The bank is also involved in the two-way trade between Singapore and China, estimated at 5.7 billion dollars (\$2.85 billion) last year.

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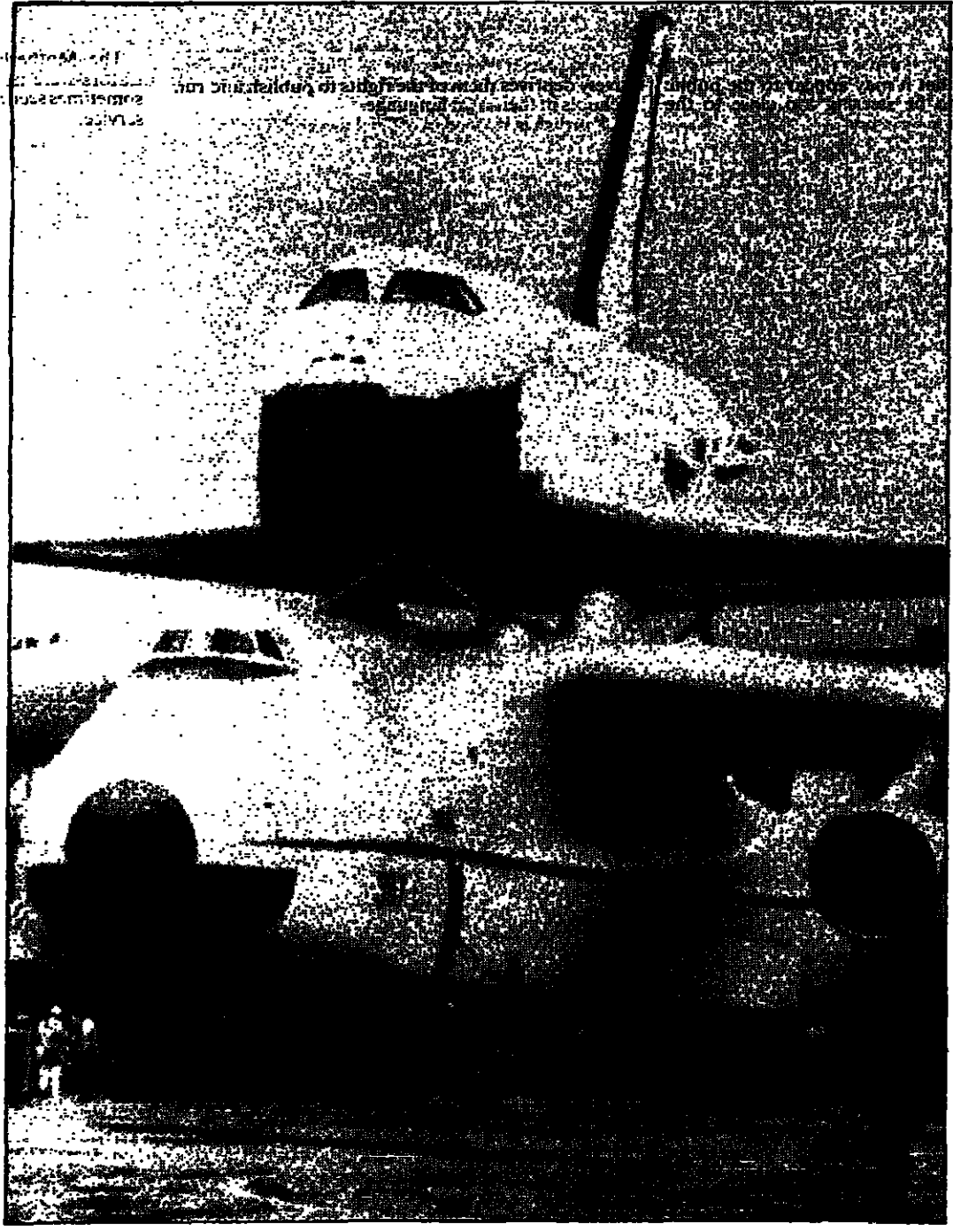
on the untimely demise of

his wife

in India

May her soul rest in peace

Colleagues from Process Engineering Division KNPC MAA Refinery



The Soviet space shuttle Buran makes its appearance in the West on the back of the world's largest aircraft, the six-engined Antonov AN-225, at the Paris air show which officially opens today. (Reuters wirephoto)

Moscow pavilion may attract a great deal of attention

Mitterrand opens air show

PARIS, June 7. (KUNA): French President Francois Mitterrand tomorrow opens the 38th Paris International Aerospace Exhibition which features, among several newcomers, the Soviet "MiG 29" and the American-made "SR-71" surveillance aircraft.

The aerospace show at Le Bourget airport, fifteen kilometres north of Paris, is an eighty-year-old tradition of technological breakthroughs which grew from an exhibit of balloons and wooden aircraft of the Wright Brothers to a showcase of progress in the aerospace industry.

The Soviet Union's pavilion is likely to attract a great deal of attention at the show this year with its Buran shuttle expected to be flown to Le Bourget on top of an Antonov AN-225 and its aircraft, seven of which came to Paris for the first time.

The two versions of the MiG-29, Monoplane and Bipace and the Sukhoi "SU 25" and "SU 26" advanced bomber aircraft will undoubtedly be the most sought by the cameras of the press.

A demonstration on these aircraft by the Soviet Air Force pilots is expected at the show. Sources here told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the

duration and the flight paths have been carefully established for these demonstration flights and all others, and that they will not interfere with flights to and from the Charles de Gaulle Airport, located ten kilometres away from Le Bourget.

They explained that a veritable electronic wall will prevent aircraft of the show from accidentally entering the traffic pattern of the Charles de Gaulle Airport.

The US will bring to Le Bourget their SR-71 surveillance aircraft, known as the Blackbird, which can cruise at altitudes superior to any other aircraft in the world.

International Bond Highlights

FRANKFURT: Deutsche Bank Finance BV, Netherlands, a unit of Deutsche Bank AG, is issuing a one billion mark Eurobond with a seven pct coupon priced at 101 five years, the bank said as sole manager.

Paris: French tyre producer manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin "Mip. Pa" is issuing a one billion French franc 10-year Eurobond carrying a coupon of 9-1/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Credit Lyonnais said.

London: The World Bank is issuing a 300 mln dir Eurobond due June 29, 2004 paying nine pct and priced at 102-1/8 pct, lead manager Deutschebank Capital Markets said.

London: The European Investment Bank is issuing a further 100 mln stg tranche of an existing bulldog bond paying 9-1/2 pct and due December 9, 2009, lead manager Barclays de Zoete Wedd Ltd said.

London: TMC Plims PLC is issuing a 250 mln stg mortgage-backed floating rate note due August 2030 initially paying 18 basis points over the three month London interbank offered rate (Libor) and priced at par, lead manager Salomon Brothers International said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	96	95	92.50	MUK IRON	117	116	117.50
ACC	330	328	332	GNFC	39.25	38.75	39.50	NAT INDEX	377.95	376.76
ALEM CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	117	116.50	117	NIPPON	35.50	35
ALW NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	148.75	146.25	151.25	NOCIL	885	870
ARI FIB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	67.50	66.25	68	ORIXAY	22	21.50
ASHOK LEY	74	72	72	GUJ HEAVY	11	10	11	OSHAL AGRO	72	71.50
ASIA PAINT	183	180	187.50	HERO HONDA	22	21.50	22.50	PEFCR	69	67
ATLAS COP	41.50	41	43	HIND CIBA	955	950	945	PONDS	185	180
AUTO CORP	84	83	87	HIND COCA	107.50	106.25	107.50	PREFM AUTO	52	52.50
BAJAJ AUTO	376.25	373	372.50	HIND LEVER	90	88.50	89	RANBAXY	110	107.50
BAJ RAYON	450	448.75	445	HIND MOTOR	36.75	36.50	39	RAY MOOL	80	79.50
BK BOND	93.25	146	145	HINDALCO	283.75	280	282.50	RECKITT	193.75	192.25
BLOW PLAST	---	---	---	HOECHST	775	750	770	RELIANCE	122	119
BOM DYE	139	138	138.50	IND ORG	35	34.50	35.25	SESA GDA	44	44.50
BSE INDEX	708.19	---	---	IND RAYON	84	83.75	84	SESA GDA	44	44.50
BUR INTEL	200	190	195	INDROL	305	303.75	310	SHRI FIB	86	84
CANSHARE	185	180	185	INGERSOLL	390	382.50	391.25	SIEMENS	72.50	71
CEN ENKA	2490	2480	2560	ITC	106	105	105	SKF	1300	1280
CEN SPG	1850	1835	1860	JK SYN	77.50	76	76	SPIC	58.50	58
COLGATE	328.75	327.50	335	KIN ENGG	182.50	180	182.50	ST MILLS	270	265
CORINT GR	1250	1250	1275	KIR PUMPS	80	78	79	TATA CHEM	112.50	113
DCM	11.50	10	11	KSB CUMM	395	387.50	395	TATA OIL	62.50	60
DEEP FERT	31.50	31	31	L AND T	86	85	86.50	TATA POW	322.50	317.5
DUNLOP	78	76	78	LIPION	72	73	72.50	TELCO	787.50	777.50
EI HOTELS	56	54	55.50	MAD RUSSEL	107.50	100	102.50	THAPP AGRO	---	---
ESCORTS	66	65	65	MAD COATS	101	100	101	TISCO	1320	1342
ESKAYEP	121.25	117.50	122.50	MAHINDRA	95	94.50	95	VAM ORG	163	162
ESSAR SPG	22.50	22.50	22.50	MAH SHARE	18.75	18.85	18.75	VARELI	26.25	25
FOOD SPL	176.25	175	177.50	MICO	582.50	581.25	600	VOLTAZ	720	720
FORBES	48	47	47	MILKFOOD	235	240	240	WIMCO	23	23.25
GAR POLY	71	70	69.50	MRF LTD	390	386.25	390	ZENITH	58	57
GE-SHIPING	40	40	39.85	MRF LTD	390	386.25	390	ZUARI AGRO	75	75

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OPNG	CLSE	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY		JOR LIM BRICK	0.50	0.50
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		JOR MANAG/CONSULT		
ARAB BANK		JOR NATIONAL BANK		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR		JOR PAPER CARDBRDR		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.		JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.90
ARAB INSURANCE	1.02	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.79	1.72
ARAB INT. INV/TRANS	1.11	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
ARAB INTER. HOTELS		JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.37	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.35	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.		JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	JOR WORSTED MLL		
BANK OF JORDAN		JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITMA	1.03	JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
CAIRO AMMAN BANK		JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.50	2.50
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	JORDAN GULF REAL		
DAR AL SHAH PRESS		JORDAN DAIRY		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.		JORDAN GULF BANK	1.17	1.15
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK		
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.71
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	MACH/ECU/RENT/MAIN		
GENERAL MINING	2.10	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	2.02	2.00
IND./MATCH JENCO	1.70	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75	0.75
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPMT	1.70	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.86	1.85
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	0.75	NAT/CABEL/WIRE/RF	1.38	1.38
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.13	NATIONAL ALHIA INS	0.97	0.96
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	NATIONAL STREET	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	2.30	2.20
ISLAMIC/PETRI/CH		PETRA BANK	0.35	0.35
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	PHILADELPHIA INS.		
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	PRECAST CONCRETE		
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	RAFFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.07	REAL ESTATE INV.		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	SHIPPING LINES		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		SPINNING WEAVING		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	THE HOUSING BANK	1.88	1.85
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY		UNITED INSURANCE	1.21	1.22
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.58	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
		YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.35

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	82.50	83.00	82.00
AC-A	22.25	22.50	22.00	LC-B	.28	.29	.29
AMS	4.10	4.15	4.00	PK-A	.30	.31	.30
GLO	29.50	30.00	29.00	PK-B	.30	.31	.31
PLDT	317.50	320.00	320.00				
KPSI-A	3.90	4.00		BP-A	.014	.015	.015
SMC-A	238.00	239.00	242.00	BP-B	.015	.016	.015
SMC-B	332.50		332.50	LC-B	.0044	.0046	.0044
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.045	.046	.045
APX-A	.018	.019	.018	OPM-B	.046	.048	.047
APX-B	.018	.019	.018	OV-A	.048	.049	.048
AT-A	39.50	40.00	40.50	OV-B	.05	.0525	.05

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	5,560,890	23,629,267.50	1,234.79	3.14 UP
WINING	99,506,150	4,539,240,000	5,177.18	7.52 DN
OIL	526,900,000	13,282,300.00	7.40	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	6,087,296,040	28,450,807,567.50	1,025.48	0.827 DN

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AT-B	40.00	40.50	40.00	TA	.026	.027	.026

Manila Stock Market Report

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C/I	6,256,405	28,583,800	1,239.05	DN 7.32
WINING	467,520,850	10,609,200	4832.41	UP 62.39
OILS	630,200,000	17,689,020	7.847	UP 0.337
TOTAL	1,093,977,255	56,882,020	1029.78	UP 14.71

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	G KENT	76	KECK SENG	185		
ADEF A			G LUMBER	148	150	KILLINGHA	354	
ADEF B			G TOWN	92	N CEMENT	178	184	
ALJINOMOTO			G U HLDGS	102	N CONT	139	137	
ANAL IND	136	137	GAMDA HDG	44.5	N FEEDMIL	36	37	
ANAL PROP	29.5	29.5	GENIENG	545	N GLASS	282	280	
ANCOL	180	179	GOLD COIN	200	N TIN PRT	83	81	
BERJAYA	147	147	GS	140	N UTD IND	219	222	
BOUSTADE	137	142	GUINNESS	372	N UTD MFG	112	113	
CARLSBERG			GULA	28.5	N SHITA	755	755	
CCM			GUTHRI	42	N WATA	144	144	
CEREBOS	535	535	H L IND.	241	244	MAGNUM	280	280
CHEN IND	316	324	HARIMAU	118	119	MALEX IND	380	380
CK TANG	440	430	HAW PAR	299	297	METRO	780	790
COLD STOR	344	346	HEXZA	73.5	73.5	MULPHAIND	43	43
CS HLDGS	44	44.5	THNO-PAC	128	130	MULTIPURP	88.5	89
DKH	505	510	INNOVEST	102	102	N ST TIME	364	360
DNB BHD	142	140	INSAS	37.5	38.5	NB TIMBER	95	95
DUTA CON			INT WOOD	76	76	PERLIS	585	585
DUTCHABY			ISETAN	705	705	ROTH IND	190	193
ELEC MAGN	195	198	J SHIPYARD	550	570	ROTHMAN H	740	740
ESBO ORD	346	348	JACKS LTD	134	133	S PACIFIC	364	364
FU YAN S.			JC ENT	125	125	S PRESS	740	745
F A C B	29.5	29.5	JC-MPH	114	115	S PRESS F	760	785
F E SHIP	334	336	JONAN HDG	41	41.5	S SHIP	436	432
FBN ORD	955	960	K G HLDGS	112	112	S WANG N	172	177
FEB CABLE			K KELLAS	220	220	SAMANDA	151	150
FED FLOUR			KAMUNING A	86	86.5	SIA	1300 <td>1290</td>	1290
FIMA BHD			KAMUNING	100	100	STEAM MAR	131	133
FUJITEC			KE SANG	100	100	STEAM MAR	131	133

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCK PRICES CLOSE LOWER
SINGAPORE, JUNE 7, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER OVER A BROAD FRONT AFTER SELLING EMERGED IN THE AFTERNOON TO REVERSE THE MARKET'S TREND, BROKERS SAID.
THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX SLED 6.39 POINTS TO FINISH AT 2,226.74, IT DROSE 6.18 POINTS AT MIDDAY. FALLS LED BY 135 TO 52. TURNOVER SLIPPED TO 73.8 MLN SHARES FROM TUESDAY'S 100.2 MLN.
BROKERS SAID GAINS ON HONG KONG AND NEW YORK EXCHANGES HELPED THE LOCAL MARKET REBOUND IN THE MORNING ON BARGAIN HUNTING, BUT A BOUT OF LATE SELLING EMERGED TO DRIVE PRICES LOWER.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	913000	20
GULF BANK	0.365	0.365	0.365	0.365	640000	19
COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	757307	19
ABLI BANK	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.N.E.B.	0.325	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAN BANK	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	200000	6
K.F.HOUSE	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	750000	7
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.097	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.066	---	---	---	---	---
COM.FACILITIES	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	10000	1
ABLI INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.043	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.087	40000	1
NATIONAL INV.	0.069	0.069	0.070	0.069	166000	2
KUT PROJECTS.	0.083	0.082	0.082	0.082	480000	4

INSURANCE SECTOR	P.CLS	LT</
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Barber Conable
Debt deal

Top bankers expected to face intense pressure

MADRID, June 7, (Reuters): The West's top bankers are expected to face intense pressure today to drop their resistance to a pioneering deal that would slash Mexico's huge debt burden.

The heads of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank are likely to argue forcibly at a meeting here that commercial banks must pull their weight in a new US-led strategy to ease the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt burden.

But so far there has been scant evidence that creditor banks would be willing to narrow the wide differences that have surfaced with Mexico — the world's second largest debtor after Brazil — and cut debt by as much as Washington wants.

"There will be considerable resistance from the commercial banks, but enormous political pressure on them," Robert Studer, chief executive of Union Bank of Switzerland, told Reuters.

The US strategy unveiled by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady in March radically shifts the emphasis of previous debt talks, calling on banks to reduce the burden of credits in addition to the well-worn formula of providing new money.

Negotiations on Mexico's \$54-billion of medium- and long-term bank debt have turned into a test case likely to spell the success or failure of the so-called "Brady plan."

The US administration is pressing for an early deal to prove that the industrial world is seeking new ways to tackle the debt problem, one which is likely to figure prominently at a summit in July of leading non-communist nations in Paris.

Bankers in Madrid for an annual meeting of chief executives and monetary officials, met briefly yesterday to review their tactics but showed no sign of relaxing their most recent offer to allow a 22-per-cent reduction in Mexican debt — well below the nation's demand for a 55-per-cent cut.

"Both sides are pursuing a hard line," said one top banker who asked not to be identified.

Bankers said they expect IMF managing director Michel Camdessus and World Bank president Barber Conable to recommend a far bigger contribution from the banks in a meeting this evening, arguing they have to play a more responsible role in tackling the seven-year-old debt crisis.

Their arguments will come hard on the heels of Brady's plea to bankers here on Monday when he told them: "It is to your business judgment that I appeal in asking you to move ahead."

Today's meeting is ostensibly an information session during which the IMF and World Bank chiefs will inform bankers of the role the institutions can play in new debt reduction techniques approved by their boards over the past few days.

But Mexican debt negotiator Angel Gurría and other senior officials are in Madrid and could attend. Bankers would not be surprised if the talks turned into a negotiating session.

"Officially it is an information meeting, but it will probably go beyond that," said Studer. "But I give it only about a 50-per-cent chance that things will move ahead."

The Brady strategy won the broad political backing of major Western industrial nations at a meeting in Berlin last Friday, despite lingering doubts by Britain and West Germany that it could turn into a tax-payer bail out of the banks.

UAE minister to visit Moscow
ABU DHABI, June 7, (Reuters): United Arab Emirates Economy and Trade Minister Saif Al Jarwan will visit the Soviet Union later this year to sign a co-operation agreement, UAE officials said today.

They gave no precise date for the visit. The pact would deal with economic, trade and technical matters, they said.

Paramount launches hostile bid for Time

NEW YORK, June 7, (Reuters): Paramount Communications Inc. said today it was launching a \$10.7-billion takeover bid for Time Inc., publisher of Time magazine, threatening the planned Time-Warner Communications merger which would create the world's largest media-entertainment company.

A statement from Time said its chairman, J. Richard Munro, received a call yesterday from Martin Davis, chairman of Paramount, advising him that the publishing and communications conglomerate was launching a hostile offer for Time's shares.

Time's statement said Davis had previously given Munro explicit assurance he would not make a hostile bid for the

company, which publishes sports illustrated, People magazine, Fortune magazine and runs the home box office cable television channel.

It said Davis' proposal would be reviewed by Time's board as required by law.

Paramount, formerly Gulf and Western Inc., said it had commenced a \$175 per share cash tender offer, which it valued at \$10.7 billion, for all of the outstanding shares of Time.

Paramount is a major Hollywood studio with such box office hits this year as "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery.

Other recent hits include "Coming to America," with Eddie Murphy, and

Crocodile Dundee II, starring Australian Paul Hogan. Paramount has made "Star Trek" as a television series and as a string of hit films.

Late last month, Time and Warner had swept away what was thought to be one of the last big legal obstacles to their proposed \$18-billion merger.

The two companies announced they had settled a dispute with Chris Craft Industries over the interpretation of a five-year-old agreement between Warner and Chris Craft Industries.

And last week the two companies received approval from the Federal Communications Commission, the last remaining regulatory hurdle to the merger scheduled for approval by stockholders

on June 23.

Time and Warner announced on March 4 they planned to join to create the world's largest communications company in a move widely seen as an attempt to ward off takeovers against either company, while preserving the independence of the giant publisher, a US institution since the 1920s.

The merger would put under one roof virtually every type of entertainment and media business with the exception of newspapers and a broadcast network.

But despite the planned merger, speculation continued that a hostile bidder would come after Time. In addition to Paramount, Capital Cities/ABC and Bass interests were mentioned. But Paramount was regarded by many analysts as the most likely bidder.

More reserves needed

Third World falling behind on \$70b owned US banks: study

WASHINGTON, June 7, (AP): Third World countries are falling behind on \$70.67 billion worth of debt to US banks, according to the General Accounting Office.

The GAO, the investigating arm of Congress, did not name the countries.

Argentina, the number three debtor after Brazil and Mexico, has paid no interest on its foreign debt for over a year.

The GAO said US bank regulators should make banks put up more reserves to protect their depositors against losses on those loans.

It calculated that the regulators now demand reserves of only 5.1 per cent, about \$3.6 billion. It suggested that they should be insisting on 62.2 per cent, nearly \$44 billion.

"Because banks generally respond to reserve requirements by writing down assets by the required amounts, a decline in their book value of their assets results," the office said in a recent note on figures to Rep. John LaFalce, a member of the banking committee.

Though the GAO did not say so, writing down a bank's assets reduces the amount of business it can do and makes the management look bad to depositors and stockholders.

In a letter yesterday to Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, LaFalce said the banks should put up more reserves. "US banks maintain lower reserve levels than almost all other industrialized countries," LaFalce wrote.

A bank is now only required to put up reserves when the regulators declare foreign loans it has made to be either a total loss or "value-impaired." That means the debtors have not paid interest for six months or otherwise shown that they are in deep trouble.

US bank regulators next week are expected to discuss behind closed doors whether to classify loans to Argentina as "value-impaired."

The category already contains Poland, Bolivia, Peru, Zaire, Sudan, Nicaragua and Liberia. But their total debt is small compared with the major debtors Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

US authorities calculate that Argentina owes US banks more than \$8.5 billion. Argentina has not paid interest for more than a year on its foreign debt, now estimated at over \$60 billion.

The GAO thinks that the bank regulators should insist that the creditor banks put aside reserves proportional to the price that a country's debt will fetch on the open market.

JOHANNESBURG, June 7, (Reuters): Goodyear's president Robert Goodyear said in a statement released in Johannesburg.

US-based employers in South Africa, said today it was selling its operations here to a local firm for cash and pulling out of the country.

Goodyear said the sale to South African mining and industrial group Anglovaal Ltd for 178 million rand (\$65 million) cash included its main tyre and rubber plant in the eastern cape town of Uitenhage and would be effective on July 1.

Anglovaal said the Goodyear unit would be taken over by one of its industrial subsidiaries, Consol Ltd.

It was the fifth major disinvestment by a US company from South Africa so far this year. Others to withdraw since January were oil giant Mobil Corp., electronics maker Hewlett-Packard Co., business information systems Group NCR Corp. and insurer St Paul Co. Inc.

"While we regret leaving South Africa after providing jobs and livelihood there for 42 years, it is becoming increasingly difficult for American companies to obtain adequate returns on investments there," Tom

Barrett said.

The decision by the Akron, Ohio-based company to pull out came after years of resisting shareholder proposals to do so.

More than half the 300 US-based firms operating here in 1984 have now disinvested, citing anti-apartheid pressure and concern over the country's economic future.

Koor reports \$207m loss

TEL AVIV, June 7, (Reuters): Troubled Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's largest industrial concern, reported a net loss of \$207 million for 1988, compared with a record \$250 million loss the year before.

But Koor, which reached agreement with foreign creditors on a sweeping recovery programme last week, showed an operating profit of \$11 million for the first quarter of 1989, managing director Benny Gaon said.

The Labour Federation-owned Koor reported \$2.3 billion in sales for 1988. Its more than 100 subsidiaries including electronics, steel, food and chemical firms, employed 23,130 people, 14 per cent of Israel's industrial workforce.

Gaon said the 1988 loss was caused mainly by the \$135 million cost of implementing the recovery scheme and a \$100 million loss due to a devaluation of the shekel against the dollar in late December.

Consequently investor reappraisal of the dollar's fortunes will undermine confidence and a necessary downward correction of the US unit is ultimately forecast.

Despite indications of slowdown in activity and the dollar's rise, the Federal Reserve is unlikely for the immediate term to alter policy.

Inflationary concerns remain evident and arguably the Fed sees a stronger dollar as a useful weapon to curtail price rises. "As we go through the year a slight easing is projected," the report added.

Elsewhere markets have very much been driven by the dollar's

strength. Sterling has benefited, supported on the crosses at DM3.18 and Y225.

The UK authorities commitment to reducing inflation suggests that interest rates will remain as high as they are if not higher for sometime to come. This should continue to lend support to the currency.

However longer-term, sterling continues to remain vulnerable to an expanded current account deficit and above OECD average inflation. The Bundesbank and the Central Bank of Japan have little alternative than to keep policy reasonably restrictive. Higher interest rates whilst not inevitable appear very likely.



A trader on the floor of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange dons a black armband with his identification number instead of the usual vest in sympathy for the protesters killed in Tiananmen Square by Chinese troops. (Reuters wirephoto)

China's prospects still unclear

Bloodbath hits projects

HONG KONG, June 7, (Reuters): Bloodshed and political turmoil in China have forced multinational investors to postpone or review at least six major projects in Hong Kong and China, banking and other sources said.

"Saturday's bloodshed in Peking signals not only a big change in China but also threatens Hong Kong's stability and prosperity," a China department head of a US bank said.

"Even though some investors would like to keep on with their investment plans, banks are hesitating to lend them money until we can quantify the risk," he added.

Hopewell Holdings, a locally-listed property company, has stopped work on two coal-fired power station projects in China.

A senior official of Hopewell, who asked not to be identified, said work on plans for a previously unpublished power station at Ling Ding island, between Hong Kong and Macau, had stopped.

The project also includes a cargo terminal and a highway linking the three places. It will cost \$3.5 billion and six billion China yuan (equivalent to \$1.6 billion).

"I don't know how long it will be postponed. But nobody would invest when China's prospects are still unclear," the official said.

Hopewell's other power sta-

tion investment in China, at Shajiao, is also on hold, he added.

Both power stations depend on Japanese equipment. "The Japanese are now hesitating," the official said.

A third Hopewell project affected by the political turmoil is a 300-km (186-mile) super-highway linking Hong Kong, Macau and Canton through China's Guangdong province.

The project, with a total investment of about 12 billion HK dollars (\$1.5 billion) was to have been completed between 1990 to 1991.

"The super highway will definitely be delayed. China had promised to give another 300 million yuan (\$80 million) loan to the project when Zhao Ziyang was still the Communist Party leader. Those funds may be held back, so I'm not sure."

"However we are confident that the project will eventually proceed because cancellation would have negative impact for foreign investment in China."

In Hong Kong, a projected new international airport, once described as "a great sign of confidence" by the British colony's Financial Secretary Piers Jacobs, has fallen into doubt.

"We have stopped asking for meetings with the government since China's uncertainties emerged," one of the delegates for the development consortium said.

"No one is pushing the project

now," he said, adding that the government was still maintaining a feasibility study.

The 25-billion HK dollars (\$3.2 billion) plan involves some of Hong Kong's biggest companies, including Hopewell, Hutchison Whampoa and its affiliate Cheung Kong (Holdings), the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and Swire Pacific.

Banking sources said the cautious attitude of the banking sector towards China's political unrest was hampering investment by Hong Kong's China Light and Power in the controversial Daya Bay nuclear plant in Guangdong province.

The Bank of China originally planned to raise a 250 million dollar loan shortly to build a power transmission network, an official from arrangers China Development Finance, the merchant banking arm of the Bank of China, said.

"How can we launch the loan in the market at this stage? We surely know the response," he said.

Another casualty could be Hong Kong's first domestic telecommunications satellite, which involves a consortium of Cable and Wireless, Hutchison Telecommunications and Peking's Citic Technology.

The US government, which must approve the export of the US-made satellite, says all export licences to China are now under review.

remain behind the dollar for the time being. However, longer-term, the improvement in correcting the disequilibrium between the US external deficit and surpluses elsewhere will reverse. The loss of competitiveness of a progressively stronger dollar and mounting interest payments on growing external debt, indicates that the current account will begin to deteriorate markedly into the 1990s."

Whilst the G-7 (Group of Seven industrialised countries) appears to be out-gunned by the markets at present, a re-affirmation to see a gradual improvement to economic balances, is likely to provoke decisive action to force the dollar

lower.

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Experts express guarded optimism on EEC unified market

MADRID, Spain, June 7, (UPI): European financial leaders yesterday expressed guarded optimism on the 12-nation European Economic Community's unified market starting in 1992, and two captains of industry predicted many European firms will suffer.

Only one-third of the EEC firms will emerge as winners in the fray, and mid-sized firms will be hardest hit, according to the most dire predictions made at the annual international monetary conference meeting in Madrid.

"Europe as a whole will be a winner" but there will be hard adjustments as cost-conscious companies trim factories and jobs to meet the stiffer 1992 competition, said Percy Barnevik, president of the Zurich-based Swiss Industrial Machinery firm ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd.

Barnevik, speaking to 200 top bankers and financial leaders from 22 nations attending the IMC session, estimated that two-thirds of EEC firms will be losers as the post-industrial pattern of streamlining continues.

"The companies most likely to immediately reap benefits from the single market will not be based inside the EEC," and most middle-sized firms probably will close, said Helmut Stiller of the Dusseldorf, West Germany-based consumer products giant Henkel.

In addition, the presidents of some of Europe's largest banks said their optimism of 18 months ago regarding mergers in the financial sector leading up to 1992 have given way to a look at the hard realities and costs of institutions trying to enter "global banking."

"Today the competition is tougher and tougher and the prices on (banking) networks that could be acquired are very high," said Marc Vienot, chairman of Societe Generale in Paris.

The tone of the three-day conference that ends later today was

generally upbeat about the unified EEC market of some 320 million consumers, but with comments that the expected economic benefits to Europeans may be slightly longer in coming.

"I don't agree that 1992 will benefit most the outside (non-EEC) countries," said Jean-Louis Boffa, chairman of France's state-run glass manufacturer Saint-Gobain.

Boffa said European companies will be better suited to adapt to the regional or community-wide consumer preferences in the unified market, and he blasted the "cutthroat competition," particularly in the United States and Japan, that confronts the EEC-based companies.

In banking and finance, Deutsche Bank AG board member Hilmar Kopper said many fundamental financial policies will not be in place when the unified market begins.

"We shall have no common economic, financial or fiscal policy, no European central bank and no European currency. This in turn will impair bank's ability to rely on truly

"European" capital procurement and funding activities," said Hilmar Kopper, a Deutsche Bank AG board member.

Several bankers estimated that the use of a common European currency may not occur until the year 2000.

Sir Leon Brittan of Britain, vice president of the Commission of the European Economic Communities, the EEC's Brussels-based executive branch, reported that progress is being made toward approval of regulations to foster business in the unified market.

But Sir Kit McMahon, chairman of London's Midland Bank PLC, advised fellow bankers to be cautious before jumping into ill-conceived expansion plans.

Industrial alliance planned

European firms to develop new military transport plane

PARIS, June 7, (AP): Five European aerospace companies have decided to develop a new generation of military transport aircraft for the late 1990s, France's Aérospatiale said today.

Henri Martre, chairman of the state-owned company, said the European companies have decided to form a new industrial alliance called European Future Large Aircraft Group, or Euroflag, that will study a new military plane to replace the aging Franco-German Transall and the C130 Hercules made by Lockheed-Georgia company of the United States.

Besides Aérospatiale, the companies associated in Euroflag are British Aerospace, Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm GMBH of West Germany, Casa of Spain and Italy's Aeritalia. The first four companies are already partners in Airbus Industrie, the French-based consortium that builds the Airbus family of commercial jets.

Martre told reporters the agreement effectively puts an end to a previous accord called future international military airlifter, or fima, in which the same five European concerns were associated with Lockheed.

The new consortium will continue to have relations with Lockheed, Martre said, but the group will also be talking to other US manufacturers.

The European companies and Lockheed have been carrying out preliminary studies into a new military transport aircraft for several years in anticipation of a need by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to find a successor to the Hercules and to the Transall, which is made jointly by Aérospatiale and Germany's MBB.

But NATO has so far failed to come up with any definition of the kind of the aircraft that it requires.

Industry observers said the Europeans decided to take advantage of the uncertainty surrounding NATO's intentions to break their formal ties with Lockheed.

The decision means they will be able to link up with whichever US company is eventually selected to produce the US version of the aircraft.

Martre said the European partners will continue to exchange information with Lockheed in areas such as market surveys.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, carpets and marble equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Musical evening
JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium. Funfair at 6.30 pm.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibachoo Divo Paloudo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar, to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

FILMS

British Council
JUNE 12: Tootsie is this month's feature film at the British Council.

ish Council, Mansouriya. Dustin Hoffman plays Tootsie. Desperate, he took a female role and became a star. Comedy at its best.

Also stars Sydney Pollack, who also directs, and Jessica Lange. It will be shown at 6.30 pm on both nights. Duration 112 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

SOCIAL

Milad mahfil
JUNE 9: Bangladesh Association will organise a Milad mahfil at 5 pm on Friday at the new Bangladesh embassy premises in Khalidiya. All Bangladeshis are cordially invited.

The new address of the embassy: Plot 83, Block 1, Road 14, Building 3 (just opposite to the bus stop near the KTC garage, Shurwaikh).

Hash House Harriers
JUNE 10 (Wednesday): Kuwait Hash House Harriers will hold their 250th run and celebration dinner on Wednesday. Current and past members welcome. Tel: 5711209 after 2 pm for details.

Bangladesh get-together
BANGLADESHI: Engineers and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317143, 4718157 or 3713923.

Hash House Harriers
JUNE 10 (Saturday): Kuwait Hash House Harriers will hold their 250th run and celebration dinner. Current and past members welcome. Tel: 5711209 after 2 pm for details.

Kuwait Players
JUNE 12 (Monday): All members of Kuwait Players are reminded that the AGM will take place at the Messilah

Beach Hotel, Al Foz room at 7.30 pm. The group needs new members for next season so if you wish to help please come along. Renewal of membership will take place after the meeting.

Narthana
JUNE 15, (Thursday): Narthana celebrates Nehru Centenary year at Sharq Co-operative Society hall at 6.30 pm. A variety of Indian classical, folk dances and Nrihasil-pa will highlight the event. To obtain your free entry passes, please contact 4337608.

Get-together
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970 and Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

HOTELS

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday
Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico'.

Greek Tavern every Tuesday
Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tapping fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.
Family day every Friday. Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array

of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the SAS Hotel
AT the Bistrotto: SAS Hotel's Italian restaurant, designed to create a cool atmosphere, is a perfect setting for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy Friday brunch with the whole family.

Peacock Room: Experience the feel of the Orient. Come have lunch and dinner with us; Chinese cuisine prepared by our Chinese chef Von Kwoe Kiong.

Al Boom: Dine in a perfect Kuwaiti dhow; fine selection of charcoal grills; extensive mezzah buffet and Al Boom daily specials; also open for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays.

Clock: The only drive-in restaurant in town. Serves varied fast food items plus specialties. Eedam: Come and try our daily specials. We also have a diet corner for weight watchers.

At the Plaza
WEEKEND package deal at the Kuwait Plaza. A special deal for those who are looking for fun, entertainment, relaxation and enjoyment. Pay only KD7 and spend two days at Plaza. Single room KD10. Don't miss this opportunity, spend your summer vacation at Kuwait Plaza the most unexpensive vacation you ever dreamed of.

Traditional Arabic music by Fawzi Jamal will entertain you at the Fozul Terrace. The only open air terrace in the middle of Kuwait city where you enjoy green scenery, delicious food, backgammon and hubble-bubble.

International music, Marco Polo the Italian restaurant in Kuwait features music with a difference. All kinds of light jazz, pop and Western music by

the most celebrated duo in town — Stan and Alice. For reservation contact — 2438800.

At the Continental
THE Gardenia, at the Kuwait Continental hotel open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays. The buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arabic and continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

Kuwait International GARDEN POOL: Kubli Khan Mongolian barbecue every Friday afternoon. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate. Ext. 8006.

La Patisserie: Serves Continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Kiwi cake is the cake of the week. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

SPORTS

Recreation Centre
SWIMMING lessons available at the Holiday Inn Health Club and recreation centre. Separate ladies and mens keep fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill on Mondays at 6 to 7 pm. Also ladies aerobics and mixed aerobics with Touvi Pakasalo. Yoga and bowling alley available for company tournaments. Squash handicap tournament for all standards and squash coaching available from our squash instructors. Also tennis coaching, martial arts starting on Sunday, June 4 and on following Sundays (6.30 to 7.30 pm) mixed classes. Additional facilities available under the supervision of selected professionals. For details contact the recreation department, tel. No. 4742000 ext. 6788 or 6700.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Baghdad Pharmacy
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Al Amin Pharmacy
Bebbehani Bldg.
Jaber Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Najat Pharmacy
opp. Doctor's Complex,
Hawalli
Salmiya and Rumailhiya
Al Razan Pharmacy
Razi St
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Khaleej Pharmacy
Mujammah St, Abdullah Al Rabeeh Bldg.
Jleeb Al Shiyookh
Al Razi Pharmacy
Area 17, Qasimah 14
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
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Kuwait
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Fahad Al Salem St
Al Muntasar Pharmacy,
Ahmad Al Jaber St
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Noora Pharmacy, Othman St., Nagra
Salmiya and Rumailhiya
Al Dana Pharmacy, Shua Al Sabah Bldg, Amman St.
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Badiya Pharmacy
Dabbous St
Jleeb Al Shiyookh
Al Wahran Pharmacy
Block 14, Souk St.
Jahra
Al Abrar Pharmacy
Do'able Al Khizai St
Riqqa
Al Riqqa Pharmacy
Bldg No 12, Riqqa

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News
9.20 Sabah Al Khair Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Hikayat Sakhina: Arabic serial (part 6)
11.00 News Summary & Varieties
11.15 Al Theeb Wa Oyoon Al Madina: Arabic Serial (part 6)
12.00 Local news and varieties
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World News via Satellite
1.30 Faloona: Cartoon Serial
2.00 Varieties
2.15 Abu Awwad: Arabic Serial (part 6)
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious Programme
3.30 Bibi Filik and Calimiro: Cartoon Serial
4.00 Al Wahm: Local Feature, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Ahmad Al Saleh, Meaad, Ibrahim Al Harbi and Maryam Al Saleh
6.00 Cartoons
7.00 Varieties
7.30 Looking for Adventure: Cultural Programme

8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: Religious Programme prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkoor
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Elli Ma'a Qersh: Daily Arabic Serial (part 1), starring Ahmad Bodair, Mahmood Al Jondi, Sahar Rami, Mamdooh Wafi and Sabri Abdul Minam.
11.00 Tarweeth Al Rajol: Arabic Feature Film, starring Karam Mutae, Raghdah, Mohammed Ridha and Raja Al Jadawi
12.30 News Summary
12.35 The World News via Satellite
1.05 Holy Quran and closedown

Mohammed Al Fares, presented by Fatma Abdul Wahab
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World News via Satellite
1.30 Istirahat Al Joma: variety programme, prepared and presented by Variety Division
4.00 Ighnam Zamanak: local play, starring Abdul Husain Abdul Ridha, Suad Abdullah, Ayesha Ibrahim, Husain Al Saleh, Saleh Hamad, Mohammed Jaber and Kathem Al Qalaf
7.00 Al Kuwait Fi Osboo: documentary programme
7.30 Summary of television programmes
8.00 Al Osa: local programme, presented by Fatma Rashed and Foteoh Al Dalali
8.45 Hadeeth Al Osboo: Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Kalima: variety programme with show guest Kamal Al Shinawi
12.00 News summary
12.05 The World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran and closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Denver: cartoon serial
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club: tonight, a fairy tale about the magic bean plant and the imprisoned princess is retold for the MM Club viewers.
7.00 Munsters Today: "Hermann: the Astronaut". Hermann, a gravedigger, decides he wants to be an astronaut.

7.30 T.N.T.: "Killing Time" Turner and Amy are on the alert after a killer returns to town. Starring Mr T. Action.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Catherine has to find a way to save a woman, who was involved in an accident and is wanted by the law.
9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show
10.30 Thursday's feature: "Odds and Evens". Starring Terence Hill, Bud Spencer, Admiral

O'Connor declares war on gamblers, bookmakers and smugglers. Lieut Johnny Firpo is his "major weapon". Comedy.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
FRIDAY
4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Centurions: cartoon serial
4.30 Italian football
5.30 American basketball
6.30 Inter Bang: Episode 11. "Willner is arrested; and Gianni and Bruno find the message they were looking for."
7.00 Once a Hero: "Things Get Ugly." Brad plans to fight against Mr Justice, who has regained power.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away: a look at entertainment at the sea clubs in Kuwait.
8.50 Sable: "Evangelist". A woman dies in an orphanage; everyone suspects suicide but Sable suspects foul-play and investigates.
9.30 The Charmings: "The Birth of a Salesman". Eric joins a firm as a carpet salesman and is unable to stick to the rules of salesmanship. Comedy.
10.00 Tales from the Other-side: "The Odds". Who is the dead and the living of the two friends, opposing each other, in a game of death?
10.30 Blue Blood: Deja Vu". Private Eye Henry takes a holiday in Italy; and gets involved in helping a girl in trouble...Starring: Lauren Hutton, Albert Fortell, Marisa Berenson.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

A moment on the Orient Express

ORIENT EXPRESS — the world's most romantic adventure was the theme of the recent Chaine des Rotisseurs dinner hosted by the Kuwait International Hotel. The Orient Express — the name is resonant with all the glamour and repugnance of a privileged past. A non-past that might have disappeared forever when the world of the Orient Express made its last journey in 1977.

The Paris-Venice sector of this service became famous as the most luxurious train trip in Europe. Royalty and heads of state, business leaders, great musicians and performers, authors, spies, politicians and aristocrats were to be seen regularly on board.

The Faialka Restaurant on the 19th floor was chosen as the ideal place and decorated entirely on the theme of the Orient Express, where a smartly attired attendant assisted the hotel's royalty to 'board' the train. Upon disembarking they stepped into one of the luxurious dining rooms of the Orient Express.

The journey of the evening took them through eight countries commencing in London with a classic dish from the



Distinguished guests at the Chaine des Rotisseurs dinner.

English Lakes region, through France — the country of the fabled Louis XIV, through Switzerland, through Vienna — the historic city which originated the waltz, through Budapest — 'Pearl of the Danube River,' through Transylvania — where angels feared to tread as Count Dracula walked the length and breadth of the country, through the

mountainous terrain of Bulgaria, culminating at Istanbul — the crossroads between Europe and Asia. Each destination was depicted by its music, landmark, typical costume and classic dishes. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of Count Dracula in his traditional outfit, fanged teeth with a hint of blood on them.

The eight course menu was meticulously worked out by the executive chef, Michael Strobl to appeal to the discerning palate of his audience and in keeping with the pledge of the Chaine des Rotisseurs members. The evening ended with a resounding applause to him and all others who put in their effort to recreate the Orient Express at the Kuwait International Hotel.



The music of Jadwiga Nahorecka

Every evening Nahorecka and her harp create a melodic ambience at La Patisserie and the extensive lobby of the Kuwait International Hotel.
Born in Warsaw, Jadwiga began studying music at the tender age of seven and developed her love for the harp. She is a graduate of the Warsaw Academy of Music and has also studied at the Hartford University in Connecticut. She is now with the Warsaw Operetta Company and has travelled widely to entertain audiences with her skill.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 Newstalk
30 4th Two Cheers, 11th and 18th After Henry; 25th Flying the Flag
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Assignment
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Brain of Britain (ex 4th My Music)
0400 Newstalk
30 Society Today
45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 Newstalk
30 They Made Our World
45 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Mediawatch (ex 4th Write On...)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 The Girl in His Past
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Society Today
1000 News Summary followed by Assignment
30 4th Two Cheers; 11th and 18th After Henry; 25th Flying the Flag

FRIDAY
0000 Newstalk
30 2nd and 12th Adrian Boult; 19th and 26th Talking About Music
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 5th and 19th Jazz Scene UK; 12th and 26th Folk in Britain
45 Talking from...
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Seven Seas
30 Appointment With Venus
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Focus on Faith
0400 Newstalk
30 Short Story
45 5th and 19th Jazz Scene UK; 12th and 26th Folk in Britain
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 Newstalk
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Ten Years of Mrs Thatcher
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 Music Review
0900 World News
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CHINA

Al Andalus
Beetle Juice
Starring: Michael Keaton, Ila Baldwin, Gina Davis
Al Salmiya
Nuts
Al Hamra
Suspect
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Cher
Drive-In
Haarat Al Habab (Arabic)
Al Firdous
Gunahon Ka Faisla (Hindi)
Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Dimple Kapadia
Fahsheel Open-Air
Phir Wohi Raat (Hindi)
Fahsheel
Julie
Jahra
Arabic Film
Granada
Vice Versa
Sulaibikhat
New Delhi
Al Jleeb
Dil Aur Deewar
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic Film
FRIDAY
Jahra
Sour Grapes
Granada
Clerk
Sulaibikhat
The Beast Master
Al Jleeb
Booked for some other functions

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.13 am
Zuhr 11.47
Asr 3.21 pm
Maghreb 6.46
Isha 8.17
FRIDAY
Fajr 3.13 am
Zuhr 11.47
Asr 3.21 pm
Maghreb 6.47
Isha 8.18

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After two flops, director Dutta banks on 'Batwara'

Big hopes for new extravaganza

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

J.P. Dutta is in the midst of a peculiar dilemma. He was the director of the year's two biggest flops, *Hathar* and *Yateem*. And he has on hand a big-budget multi-star spectacular called *Batwara*, which trade people are afraid to touch, and cinegoers are doubtful about.

In a way it speaks badly of a system where a moderately successful director gets loaded at once with three to four films. He cannot give enough attention to them. His head gets swollen up with visions of absolute success. He begins to treat his unit, even stars, in a rough way. And when two films flop, the fate of the third shakes up the whole industry.

Dutta had made *Ghulami* on a vast canvas, with big stars. That proved a fair success and distributors made money as it was sold at a lesser price. The director's efforts in it were visibly strong and so he was at once proclaimed a Midas. That led to producers rushing with offers, including Dharmendra who wanted a hit for his Sunny. But *Yateem* let him down as much as *Hathar* gave a set-back to Sunny. Dutta, and now *Batwara* has Dharmendra, Vinod Khanna, Amrita, Dimple, Shammi Kapoor, Poonam, Mohsin, Amrish Puri, Asha Parekh etc.

What went wrong with Dutta's two flops? Insiders say that he had no heart in them. He never concentrated on the scripts and kept shooting off-the-cuff. The films when released, were found soulless, despite all the glamour, grandeur and violence. Dutta had also grown too big for his boots. He asked for costly and nearly impossible background material, but rarely used it in a way that could be seen on screen. He also became rude and abusive, beating up an assistant and behaving coarsely with Dimple.

The heroine's sister Simple was so angry that she wished *Batwara* would also flop and finish his career. Busy Dimple was made to waste several days on location and given bad costumes to wear. Dharm and Vinod also had a fight about their clashing dates. Dutta's wife, former actress Bindia, had to give press interviews to paint a good image of the director. But trade people are keeping away from *Batwara* and some of those who bought it initially have left it. Producer Salim had to put big ads saying: "Don't believe what the trade says. The film is ready to hit the big screen".



Vinod Khanna and Amrita Singh in 'Batwara'

What is the film all about? It is the same village tale, with characters in different rich Rajput families. Shammi Kapoor has three sons. Vinod prefers to live with an ex-soldier Dharmendra. Vyjayendra believes in class and caste rather villainously and so he is close to Amrish Puri. Third son Mohsin Khan is a cop. All have their girls. The drama mounts up when Vyjayendra gets killed. Vinod and Dharm turn enemies and the villains manipulate a lot of violence. The film aims at a climax like *Sholay* and other spectacles. Results of *Batwara* are being closely watched, for on that also depends the fate of Dutta's *Bandhu* with big boy, Bachchan, which has only one reel completed, and that also has yet to be said.

Star interview

Chunky: I will continue my flirtations



Chunky Pandey: still confident after a couple of flops.

Q. With the flopping of *Paanch Paapi* does the future look gloomy?

A. No, why should it? The film is doing well in the interiors, where they like action films. And I have many more miles of celluloid coming.

Q. Have you got stuck with an image?

A. I would love to be. Image is like a godfather to a star. I am taking my own time to build it up. But image must be there, when I become a star.

Q. You have already crossed the ceiling on stars.

A. Yes I have twenty films. But they are mostly multi-star films. I am needed for a few hours. So I allot the remaining time to other producers. No film is delayed due to me.

Q. But no solo starring ambitions now?

A. It's difficult. We made *Paanch Paapi* so carefully as a popular film. Yet, I still have *Tadap Ho To Aisi* with Meenakshi and *Mitti Aur Sonu* with Neelam. Both are romantic films and might get me a new image.

Q. What do you like to read in the magazines?

A. First my name. Something about me. Then the rest. As for gossip, I laugh it off.

Q. Do you insist on your name coming first in screen credits?

A. Yes, it is coming first, even with heroines who joined films before me, like Neelam or Kimi. Of course, Sonam, Sonu, Ektaa came after me. With Madhuri there was a slight tussle, but we settled it in a friendly way.

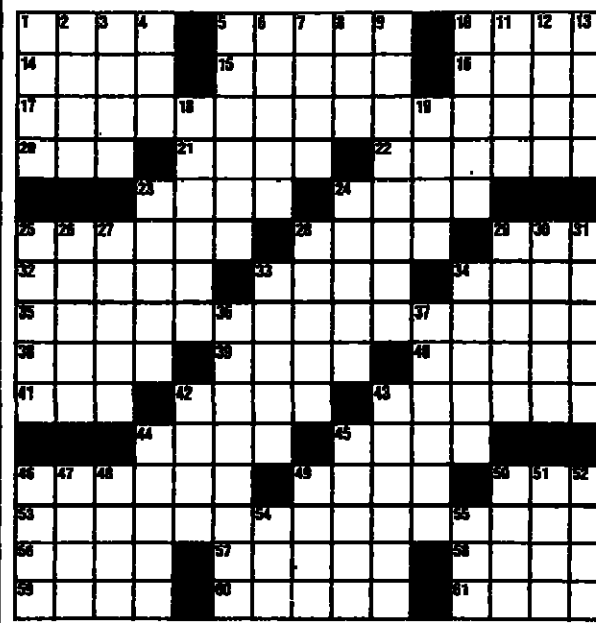
Q. Your doctor parents being known to film folks especially Rekha must have helped you a lot to start.

A. Yes, they know 'Re' very well. And Rekha indeed did a lot in the beginning. Pehla Nihalani gave me the break in "Aag Hi Aag". So he is the grand daddy.

Q. Any comment on your reputation as a playboy? Affairs with heroines?

A. I am out-going and chummy. I get friendly too soon and put the girls at ease. So they keep talking with me. And people think I have a whale of a time. Most of the romance and sex are only in the pages of magazines. But I will definitely continue my little flirtations.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - 56 In addition
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 - 59 Singer
 - 60 Staircase part
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 - 26 Winglike
 - 27 John — Garner
 - 28 Hollywood spear-carrier
 - 29 Impudence
 - 30 Directional mark
 - 31 Tries out
 - 33 Burning
 - 34 Dried coconut meat
 - 36 Easy access policy
 - 37 Badger
 - 42 In order that, with "to"
 - 43 Retailer
 - 44 Evita
 - 45 V-shaped piece
 - 46 Rug of a sort
 - 47 Take a vote
 - 48 Trick
 - 49 Prejudice
 - 50 Saarinen, the architect
 - 51 Salinity
 - 52 Unhappy
 - 54 Part of four
 - 55 Collier
- DOWN**
- 1 Crafts companion
 - 2 Sewing machine man
 - 3 Summit
 - 4 Actor Gazzara
 - 5 SOS!
 - 6 Summiser
 - 7 Main Street brightener
 - 8 Former
 - 9 Sit on the fence
 - 10 Make amends
 - 11 Ring event
 - 12 Famed soprano
 - 13 Otherwise
 - 18 Brave's abode
 - 19 Louisiana's Long
 - 23 Nick

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 6
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A Q 10 4

EAST
♠ 10 8 4 3 2
♥ Void
♦ 10 9 8 6 4 3
♣ 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A J
♥ A K 9 6 5
♦ A J 7
♣ K 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
6 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦
We first encountered this theme in a hand declared by one of the world's great players, Ira Rubin of Paramus, N.J. He made his contract. See if you can do the same, even looking at all four hands.

Six hearts can be reached on a straight power auction such as the above. When South shows four-card heart support and a hand worth 13-15 points, South has enough to jump to slam because he has first or second-round control of all suits and a hand just a little short of a demand bid.

West led the king of diamonds, and the first impression of the possi-

bilities is that the slam depends either on bringing down the queen of hearts or, if her majesty does not drop, getting a 3-3 club break or felling the jack of clubs in the short-trump hand. So declarer took his ace of diamonds and cashed the ace of trumps, to learn the bad news—West held all four missing trumps.

Now declarer needed to get rid of both diamonds before losing a trump trick. One would go on a high spade, and the other would have to go on the fourth round of clubs. However, a 3-3 club break would no longer do—West would ruff the fourth club and still have the queen of hearts for the setting trick.

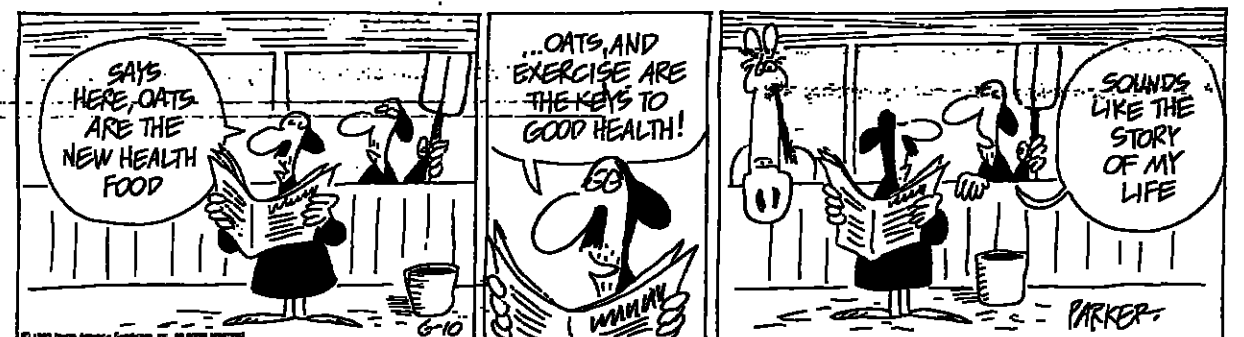
The only way declarer could accomplish his goal is if West started with specifically four clubs and three spades. Declarer cashed the queen and king of clubs in case East started with a doubleton jack. When that chance failed to materialize, declarer boldly finessed the ten. When East showed out, South's card-reading was rewarded. He got rid of both losing diamonds as West followed helplessly, then surrendered a trick to the queen of hearts. His three remaining trumps scored the last three tricks.



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
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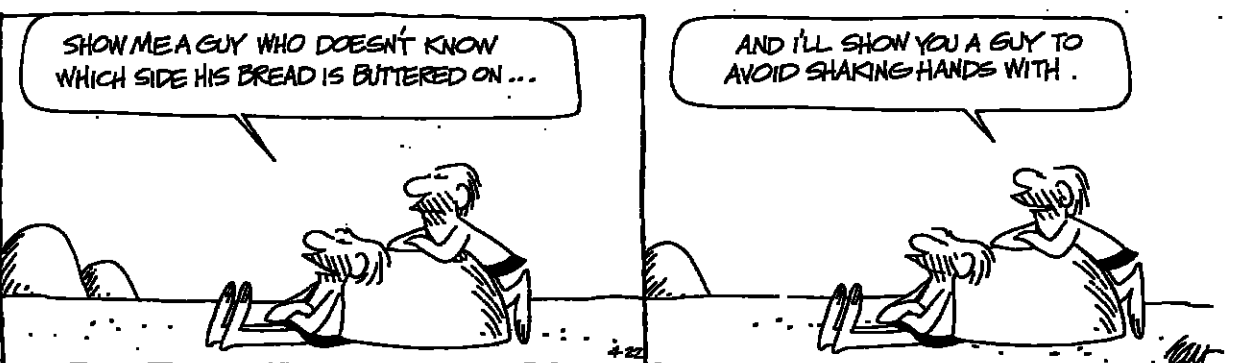
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Try leaving anything that requires a lot of precision for another day if you can. You should not be too proud to show your gratitude. Do not have too many late nights in succession. Be loyal.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be in the right frame of mind to get on with what you have under way. Your lucky numbers are 18 and 57. Avoid making any promises which would be hard or impossible to keep. Take your responsibilities seriously but do not be weighed down by them.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Your intuitions are more liable to deceive than to be on the right track. A problem you have encountered should be dealt with without delay. You have some reason to be pleased with yourself. Be punctual.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should not try to do by force what you have been unable to do by persuasion. Instead use your intelligence and commonsense and all will be well in the end. Make sure you are not relying on guesswork. Be fair.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will feel in a rather exuberant mood and must be careful not to do anything on the spur of the moment if you can help it. Concentrate hard on what you are doing. Leave as little as possible for another day. Be consistent.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The prospects are fair and you will know how to make the best use of a good opportunity. You should work hard but leave yourself with enough time to pursue your private interests. Do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be selective.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will feel more independent but you must also take into account other people's reactions to your efforts. Although you may have some luck it is not likely to be enough to make much difference. Make sure you do not eat too many sweet things. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You must not think that success will just fall into your lap. Hard work is needed. And if you work hard you will be able to make far more rapid progress than you have made of late. Avoid rushing things, but do not take it easy either. Be generous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not be in too great a rush or else you are likely to do things carelessly. Make sure you take full responsibility for your actions. Listen to what others are saying, do not be so fond of the sound of your own voice. Be hopeful.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You may come into conflict with someone in your immediate circle. If you make a few slight concessions you will be more than rewarded. Check your change when you go shopping. Be polite.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Something you had half expected will turn out not to be as bad as you feared. You should not allow your judgment to be clouded by resentment or prejudice. Do not hesitate to say no if that is what you feel is the right answer. Be less fussy.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will feel more sure of yourself than you have done of late. You should however beware of taking things for granted or acting on impulse. Avoid criticizing others nor should you try to shift the blame. Be sincere.

Star quotes



Jackie

GOVINDA: Chunky is talented but is junior to me. I am not at all worried about him.

He has come up only in action or violence oriented films. I also have an edge in romance, dance, melodrama. I am more versatile. And I have double the number of films he has.



Rishi

REKHA: Why is Amitabh signing films with any and every heroine? What is he trying to prove? Why should he forget his position? Now, he may even sign films with Baby Guddu or Pinkie. He should select his actresses properly. DIMPLE: I want to charter a plane, put all the film journal-



Dimple



Sri Devi

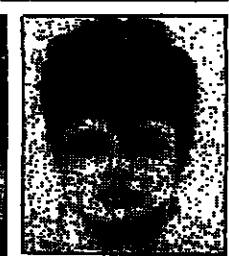
ists and gossip scribes in it and then get them stranded on an island (without me of course). That way, we film people will be left in peace. JACKIE: I am not reserved like Anil Kapoor. I mix freely with actresses. But I am also faithful to my wife. Call it flirting or whatever.



Govinda

RISHI KAPOOR: Putting a ceiling on stars is wrong. There must be a ceiling on producers.

SRI DEVI: My father is my best critic. I respect his opinion. He is very sharp in pointing out flaws in my acting. I try to improve on that.



Rekha

Behind the screen

Youngster Ektaa is getting chummy with Shekhar Kapoor in the hope of bagging more roles. In that case, what will happen to Farha's sister Tabboo? In any case, Shekhar takes ages to start any film, whether it is *Prem* or anything else.

Govinda is becoming more popular than Mithun on stage shows. Recently at a charity show and variety programme, people wanted only Govinda and clapped lustily at his items. But Mithun got a cold response for his antics. When this happened on his home ground Calcutta, he was even more heart-broken. Anyway, he was so "high", that he could barely stand properly on the stage.

Sunny and Dimple are now ready to face the world with their relationship. No fears or tremors. Both appeared boldly in some recent *Muharrats*. And they also acted in romantic scenes, allowing the press photographers to click madly. Papa Dharam and Kaka Rajesh may not like it. But the two are out to prove a point, despite being married and with children.

Shabana Azmi after her poor international debut was offered only two TV films in London recently. She chickened out of them with the excuse that it would require her to stay three months in U.K. And that would upset all her films in India. Which films is she talking about?

Mimics are becoming directors in disguise these days. When Anil Kapoor recently did a mimicry of Dilip, Dev and Raj, for Rakesh Roshan's *Kishan Kanhaiya*, it was mimic Johnny Whisky who called the shots and okayed Anil's work. So Johnny Lever, there is also hope for you, still.



Sunny and Dimple: Ready to face the world together

Mithun ditched producer Ramesh Lakhanpal on the film *Humlog* which started ages ago, when he was not a big star. He recently promised 10 days after 6 years, and of that too, he reported for only one day. Soon after that, the poor producer died of a heart attack.

مكتبة الأمل

North America

THE North American continent is dominated by the United States and Canada, two of the largest and most prosperous countries in the world. Great industries have been built up around the vast natural resources to be found there. Mexico and the other countries of Central America and the Caribbean are still developing, and have much lower living standards.

The people of North America come from widely different backgrounds. The original peoples of the continent are the American Indians, whose ancestors were there at least 20,000 years ago. The Eskimos, who live in Alaska and northern Canada, are believed to have arrived by boat from Asia some 6,000 years ago. But most of the people are descendants of Europeans and Africans. About half of Canada's people are of British descent and a third French. Most of the early immigrants to the United States were British. Later settlers included Germans, Dutch, French, Spaniards, Italians, Poles, Russians, Scandinavians, and Irish. And Negroes, originally brought from Africa as slaves, now make up about a tenth of the population. The Caribbean islands also have large Negro populations. Most of the people of Central America are of Spanish descent.


It was the Spaniards who first encountered the native Americans, when they landed on the Central American coast nearly 500 years ago. They thought they were in India, and named the native peoples accordingly. They destroyed many of the Indian tribes, along with their highly developed cities and cultures. The Indians of Canada and the United States, the so-called 'Red Indians', were hunting peoples. They were driven out of their hunting grounds by the white settlers.

The landscapes of North America are varied and spectacular. In the west, mountain ranges extend from Alaska to Mexico, separated by valleys. The centre of the continent consists of a vast area of lowlands. The Appalachian Mountains rise to the east. There are thousands of miles of sandy beaches and rocky cliffs along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. Much of the interior is covered with fertile green fields, but there are also huge, dry deserts. Large forests cover much of Canada, and rivers, lakes, and waterfalls abound.

The United States and Canada are among the leading industrial nations of the world. They produce about a fifth of the world's iron ore and a third of its copper. About a quarter of the world's oil and a fifth of its coal is produced in the United States. Canada and the United States also have vast areas of fertile land, and produce enough food to export large quantities, especially wheat, maize, and other cereals. The Central American countries, on the other hand, produce barely enough to feed their own people.



States of the US & Canada	
AMERICAN STATES	
Map Key State	4 North Dakota
46 Alabama	18 Ohio
1 Alaska	40 Oklahoma
42 Arizona	25 Oregon
39 Arkansas	17 Pennsylvania
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29 Colorado	48 South Carolina
14 Connecticut	22 South Dakota
16 Delaware	38 Tennessee
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50 Hawaii	9 Vermont
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Happy birthday

Waseem Tayab will be celebrating his birthday on Friday June 9. Best wishes and many happy returns of the day from mummy, daddy, Hamid, Hunaid and uncle Shabbir.

Young poets

DEATH

Death! Death! Death!
What are you?
Who are you?
Where do you come from?

I know you not, but an endless sleep,
just picking up life's dream
ringing from the world above
you take away life's stream.

You love the soul very much,
and always with the loved ones you keep in touch.
why do you take away my beloved one's
when once they had done no wrong?

Death! Death! Death!
why do you come so fast
with people who always live to last
tell me, why do you come so fast?

By Shaheen S. Shaikh,
Dadar,
Bombay.

Illusion

She is quiet and innocent,
all by herself
but what is she thinking
all to herself?

She walks alone
along the streams,
sweet and pretty maiden
all in her dreams.

She waits and sings
not a song that was ever heard
she is singing alone
she is singing to the birds.

She seems to be seeking something,
but who is she?
Is it just a dream
or is she singing for you and me?

By Ziaur Rehman,
Salwa, Kuwait.

The Universal American School

KD 41 donated

Cherrefe Kadri's 5th grade class at The Universal American School earned KD 41 by publishing an elementary school newspaper. The fifth grade earned this money to the Sudanese people in need of help.

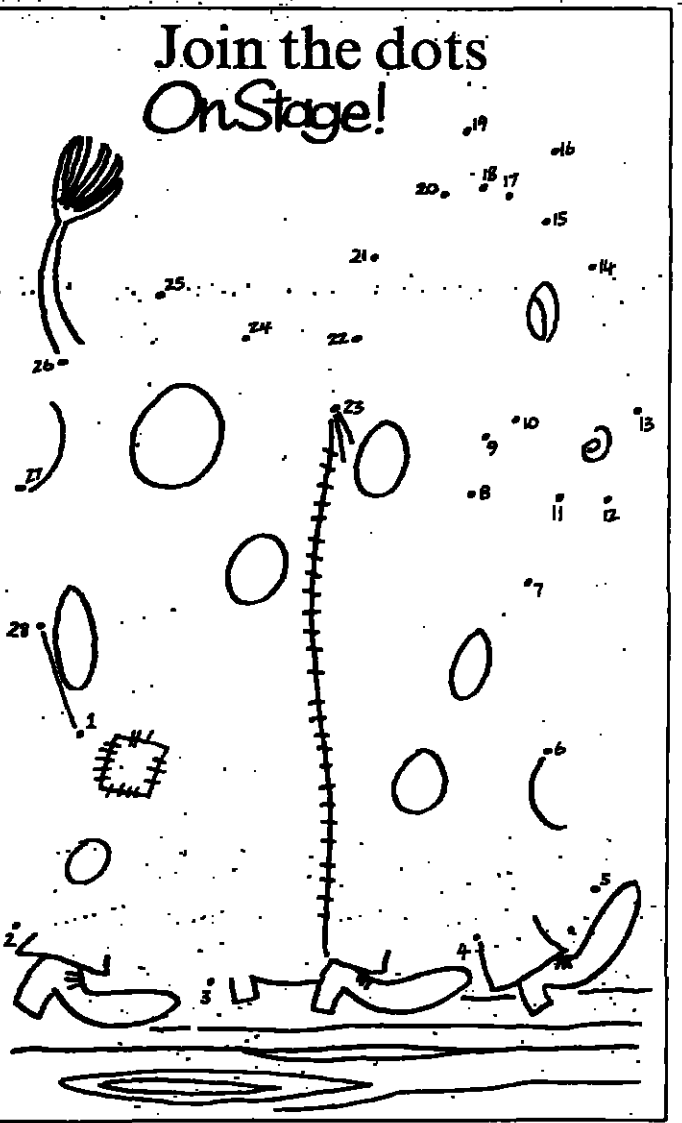
The children wrote, collected, proofread, printed, and sold newspapers to the elementary classes through the school year.

Saleh Al Bahar, from the African - Muslim Agency, came to the Universal American School to accept the money for this worthy cause.

Photo by Ahmed Al Burini

Saleh Al Bahar collects the money from the nine and ten year olds.

Join the dots On Stage!



Dear Junior Readers,

Last Tuesday I told all you about sweating and its advantages. It does have some disadvantages too, however.

I suppose it is bad news for the lazy of you only If you are the type too lazy to have at least a daily bath you may be asking for problems.

Sweat, if not washed away, at adequate intervals, will smell very horrible. Just think about it: your body is forever producing body oils on your skin for protection from the environment, also multiplying bacteria, usually harmless, which lives on your skin's surface and on top of that, sweat, consisting of many chemicals plus a small amount of urine, is being produced to cool you down.

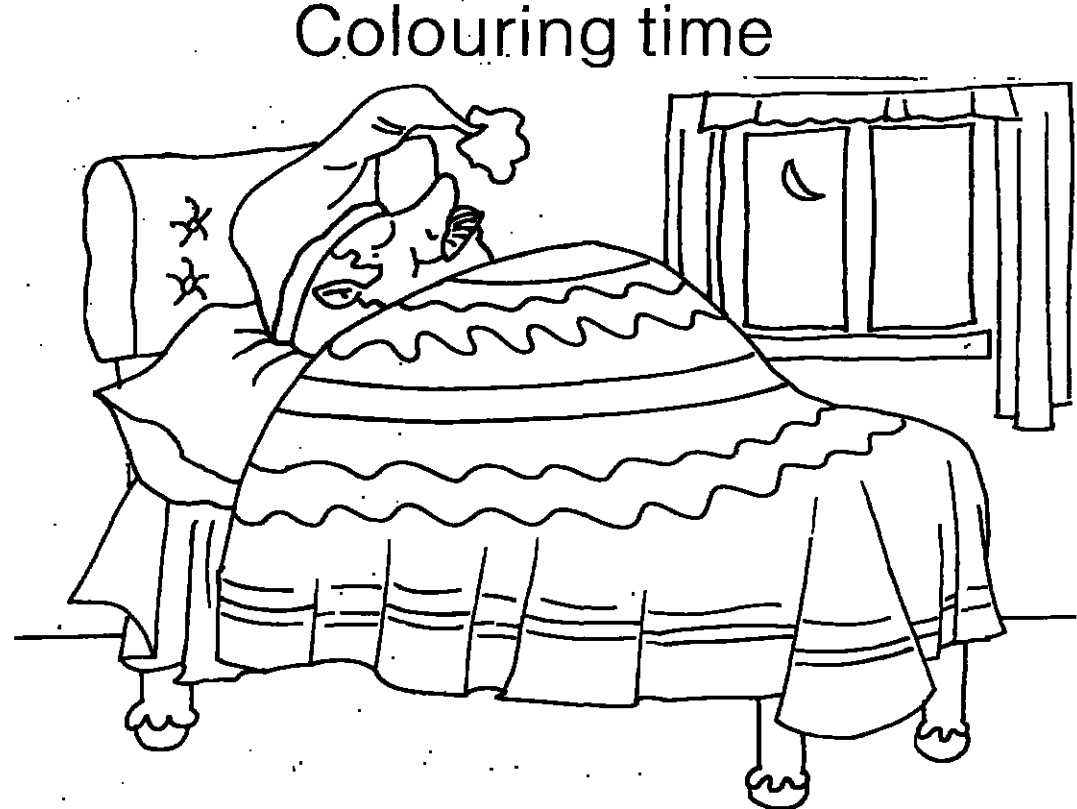
With these three on the surface of your skin, all kinds of reactions may occur producing stinky odours! The odours' strength will differ with respect to when the reactions between the three natural functions occurred, to the amount of water you are drinking and the types of food you are eating (as these will affect the composition of your sweat.)

Now, if you have daily showers, the amount of bacteria on your skin is kept at bay and the amount of body oils on your skin is minimized. Also try to drink as much water as you can so your sweat is diluted and avoid spicy foods.

All in all, aim at keeping any reactions between the three components of "smelling bad" to a minimum!

Manal

Colouring time



Wordsearch

ALL ABOUT FLOWERS

ALOE	JONQUIL	ROSE
ASTER	LILAC	SALVIA
BLOSSOM	LUPIN	SEPAL
BULB	MIMOSA	TRITON
CARNATION	NIGELLA	TULIP
CLARKIA		VIOLET
DAHLIA	PANSY	
FEONY		
FLAG		

Clue: A sweet smelling bunch (7 letters)

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Watering place
4 Place for a legacy
8 Carpus
13 Lounge
15 Celebes ox
16 Rajah's spouse
17 Staw pot
18 Sleeveless garment
19 Later
20 Survive danger
23 Civil wrong
24 Authors' texts: abbr.
25 Liens

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Young philosopher

Life is duty

SOME people do not take life seriously. They do not try to understand its meaning and purpose. Most would just like to luxuriate here.

Life is not to play, not to dream; it is a duty, a struggle, a regular bed of thorns. We have many duties to perform: duties to our parents, our family, our neighbours, our country, the human race and most of all to God.

All this implies hard work, the breath of our being. Everything we see in this world: beautiful towns and cities, rich fertile fields and massive buildings are the result of long hard work. What would happen if everyone ignored their duties?

So is it not right for me to say that life is a duty? After all a wise man once said:

"Let us then be up and doing
with a heart for any fate
still achieving, still pursuing,
learning to labour and wait."

N. Batool,
Pakistan School
and College,
Rumethiya,
2nd year Science.

Just for laughs!

"Now, Sam," said the wife to her rather uncouth husband, "We've got company to tea on Sunday, so I want you on your best behaviour."

"What are you on about, woman?" demanded the aggrieved husband.

"Well, for a start, I don't want you drinking your tea out of the saucer like you usually do."

"Then what shall I drink it out of?"

"Out of the cup, of course!" said his wife, exasperated.

"Out of the cup?" But if I do that I'll get the spoon in my eye!"

Damien was being severely ticked off by his father for fighting. "Now, Damien," said his angry parent, "this will not do! You must learn that you can't have everything you want in this life. There must always be give and take."

"But there was, Dad!" protested the aggressive youngster. "I gave him a black eye and took the apple!"

Mr and Mrs Harris were celebrating their Silver Anniversary with a big party, at which the centre of attraction was a huge cake. "This cake was made by my wife's fair hands," said Mr Harris proudly. "Every year on our anniversary she makes a cake, and I like to think of them as milestones on our journey through life..."

"Last night my sister fell out of her bedroom window."

"Golly! Did she hurt herself?"

"No—we live in a bungalow."

"Donovan! How many more times? Don't eat with your knife?"

"But, Mum! My fork's got a leak!"

"Dad, there's a man at the door collecting for the new swimming-pool."

"Give him a glass of water!"

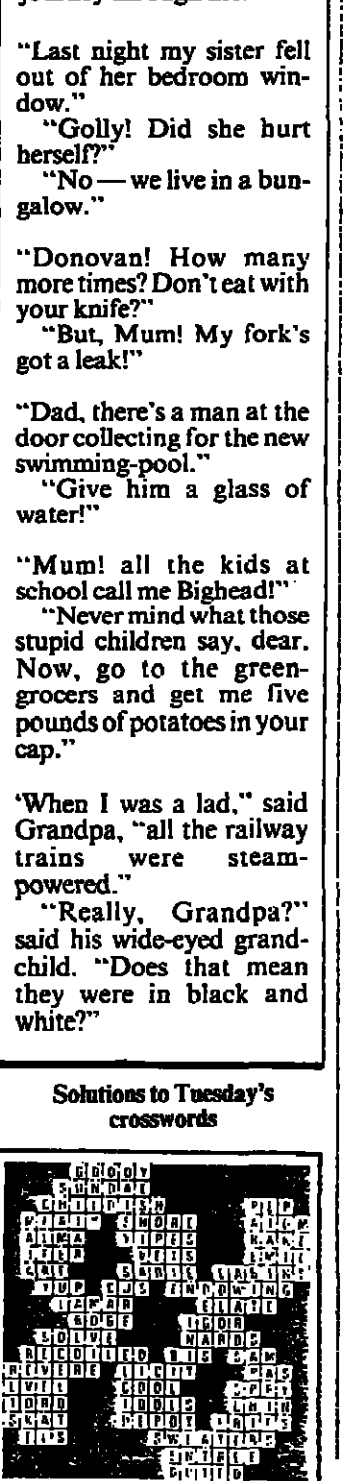
"Mum! all the kids at school call me Bighead!"

"Never mind what those stupid children say, dear. Now, go to the green-grocers and get me five pounds of potatoes in your cap."

"When I was a lad," said Grandpa, "all the railway trains were steam-powered."

"Really, Grandpa?" said his wide-eyed grandchild. "Does that mean they were in black and white?"

Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords



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Brazil to use 'exiled' players

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 7. (Reuters): Brazil will field four internationals who play abroad tomorrow when they face Portugal in a friendly soccer match at the Maracana stadium.

Coach Sebastiao Lazaroni, who has been struggling to put together the full squad he envisages will play in next month's South American Cup and the World Cup qualifying matches in August, confirmed that defenders Jose Mozer — recently transferred from Benfica of Portugal to Saint Etienne of France — Ricardo Gomes of Benfica, striker Valdo of Benfica, and midfielder Silas of Sporting Lisbon, would start the match.

Lazaroni said he also had planned to field striker Romario, but his Dutch club PSV Eindhoven refused permission.

"The Copa America (South American Cup) starts next month and I still don't know whether the players under contract in Italy will be available. That's bad," Lazaroni said.

Under his command, Brazil have won four friendlies and tied one, in Lima against Peru. So far, however, he has only been able to field the local players, whom he will use as a test for the

standing in until the real stars come from Europe to join the team," commentator Achilles Chirio predicted.

"The Portuguese, who staged a light training session at the Maracana stadium, came to 116

Frederico, Sobrinho, Veloso, Vitor Pereira, Nunes, Semedo, Domingos, Rui Aguas and Cesar Brito.

World Cup venue

ROME, June 7. (Reuters): Turin, one of Italy's great soccer cities, will be scrapped as a venue for the 1990 World Cup finals unless it finalises arrangements for its

Seamers set to call tune in first Ashes battle

LONDON, June 7. (Reuters): England and Australia may not rank as Test cricket's current heavyweights but rival captains David Gower and Allan Border are banking on a knockout blow from their pace bowlers when the Ashes series opens at Headingley tomorrow.

The Leeds venue for the first Test in the six-match rubber has a reputation both for giving immense help to the seamers and producing a definite result, two of the ingredients which could contribute to a fascinating opening contest.

England, with just one victory in their last 19 Tests, and Australia, who have managed only seven wins in 39 Tests under Border, know the value of a morale-boosting early success in what may develop into a close tussle.

Gower's team, already deprived of their main strike bowler Graham Dilley, who is recovering from a knee operation, suffered further setbacks this week with injuries to Ian Botham and Mike Gatting.

Botham, poised for his first test appearance for 22 months, was ruled out by a cheekbone fracture sustained when batting for Worcestershire in a county championship match on Monday, while Gatting gave himself only a 50-50 chance of playing after breaking a thumb in a Sunday League game.

All-rounder Botham, who missed most of last season after having major back surgery

but showed typical spirit to win an international recall last month, was said to be broken-hearted at missing the opening Test.

His presence would have added spice to the traditional sharp edge of an Ashes battle, though he had still to prove his form and fitness over a five-day match after modest early-season performances in first-class cricket.

England called up Robin Smith as cover for Gatting and drafted in Kim Barnett, essentially an opener but capable of batting lower, when Botham was injured.

Botham's absence means England will almost certainly have to play their five remaining bowlers, rather than include Barnett as a sixth specialist batsman and field a four-man attack. That not only reduces their options but is risky in the event of a bowler being injured.

England's batting line-up features a comeback by opener Chris Broad, who will be a focus of attention as much for his behaviour as the innings he plays.

Broad's return to partner Graham Gooch follows a series of misdemeanours in Tests since November 1987, including refusing to walk when given out in Lahore and hitting his stumps on dismissal in Sydney.

But the Nottinghamshire batsman is determined to behave himself this summer. "I sat down over the winter and thought it through to work out what happened. I realised what a

fool I'd been, and that I had let down a lot of people," he said.

Broad relishes Australian bowling — four of his six test hundreds have been against Border's team — but this time he faces a potential match-winner in Headingley's helpful atmosphere — fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman.

Alderman is not so quick as on his previous tour in 1981 but his skilful use of swing and seam — improved during spells with Kent and Gloucestershire — is deadly suited to the Leeds ground where the cloud cover can be as significant as the state of the pitch.

The success rate of Alderman and Geoff Lawson, the most experienced fast bowler in the touring party, is likely to be crucial to Australia's prospects of regaining the Ashes held by England for the last four years.

With Geoff Marsh and Dean Jones running into form at the right time, the dependable Border at number four, and Steve Waugh's stylish batsmanship to illuminate the middle order, runs should not be Australia's problem.

But bowling England out twice in a Test may hinge on Alderman and Lawson staying fit and in form for the next three months and at least one of their fellow pacemen — Carl Rackemann, Merv Hughes or the uncapped Greg Campbell — making a vivid impact on their first England Test tour.

Seamers set to call tune in first Ashes battle

LONDON, June 7. (Reuters): Northamptonshire's attempt to recapture the lead in the English County Cricket Championship was thwarted by Surrey last-wicket pair Tony Murphy and Mark Frost on the rain-hit third and final day of their match yesterday.

Uncapped pair Murphy and Frost survived eight overs late in the day as Surrey, needing 250 to avoid an innings defeat, frustrated the home side at Northampton by forcing a draw at 207 for nine.

When Surrey resumed their second innings at 178 for seven after a long hold-up for rain only 19 overs were possible, but West Indian fast bowler Winston Davis dismissed Keith Medley and Martin Bicknell to lift Northants' hopes.

Murphy and Frost, left to face a possible 10 overs, survived seven of them before bad light caused another two-over stoppage, and when play restarted, Frost blocked out the final over from Davis.

The result left second-placed Northants two points behind Lancashire, who have played a

game more and were not involved in the current round of fixtures.

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Jarvis hauled Yorkshire to 250

Pistons win easily

Lakers lose NBA finals opener

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan, June 7. (AP): The Detroit Pistons kept one streak alive and stopped two others as they beat the Los Angeles Lakers in the opener of the National Basketball Association finals last night.

The Pistons, behind the shooting of Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars, ended the Lakers' 16-game winning streak overall and their two-season, 13-game playoff run without a loss with a 109-97 victory.

At the same time, Detroit extended its streak of games without allowing 100 points to 16. The Lakers, averaging 113.5 while winning their first 11 postseason games this year, were 35-for-75 from the field, or 46.7 per cent.

"I reminded our guys we also won our first game last year," Pistons coach Chuck Daly said. "I won't say we're a better team until we win three more games."

Detroit, 12-2 in the playoffs this year, is allowing an average of barely 90 points in the postseason.

Daly said the Pistons' defensive success "is shocking to me but we really work hard defensively and rebound well."

Thomas, the Pistons' leading scorer before finals despite making only 39 per cent of his made eight of his first 12 and scored 24 points.

Dumars, a 40.7 per cent shooter in the first three rounds, was 11-for-16 from the field and finished with 22 points.

"It's nice to win, but we know from experience it takes four," Thomas said. "We have one but there are six games left. We know how hard they are going to come at us in game 2."

The second game is tomorrow night at the Palace, with the next three of the best-of-7 series at the Lakers' Forum home.

The Pistons, who earned the homecourt advantage in the playoffs with an NBA-best 63-19 regular-season record, shot 55.4 per cent from the field, including 14-for-17 in the fourth quarter.

The Lakers played without starting guard Byron Scott after he partially tore his left hamstring at practice on Monday. Scott is averaging nearly 20 points per game in the playoffs and will not play at

least in the first two games of the series.

"We miss Byron more for the rhythm and continuity," said Lakers coach Pat Riley, who is one victory away from matching the all-time playoff record of 99 by Boston's Red Auerbach. "His perimeter shooting is a big plus for us."

Los Angeles' 16 consecutive victories included a record 11 in the playoffs and the last five of the regular season, in which the Lakers finished 57-24.

The Lakers also had won their last 13 postseason games dating back to the last two of 1988, when they beat the Pistons for the title. The 13-game streak also was a record.

"It's a long way from being over," Riley said. "There's a lot of basketball to be played."

Magic Johnson and James Worthy scored 17 points apiece for the Lakers, although Worthy was just 6-for-18 from the field. Michael Cooper, who replaced Scott in the starting lineup, had three points and reserve guard Tony Campbell scored 12.

Leading 55-48 at halftime, the Pistons started the second half with a 24-11 run, extending their advantage to 79-59 as Dumars and Thomas scored eight points each in the first nine minutes of the third period.

The Lakers scored the last seven points in the quarter, but the Pistons went into the final 12 minutes with a 79-66 advantage. It was the 12th sub-20 point quarter by a Pistons opponent in 14 playoff games.

Vinnie Johnson, who scored 14 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, hit six of seven shots in the first seven minutes of the period as the Pistons rebuilt their lead to 99-81. The Lakers got no closer than 12 in the final minutes after trailing by as many as 21.

Detroit, hitting just 45.7 per cent of its field goals heading into the finals, made 60 per cent in the first period for a 28-22 lead. Thomas led the way with eight points on 4-for-5 shooting.

Despite missing 11 of their first 16 shots of the second quarter, the Pistons extended the margin to 40-31 midway through the period with the help of three-point plays by Vinnie Johnson and James Edwards.

San Diego and Mercury Bay resume fight in court

SAN DIEGO, June 7. (Reuters): LIS and Mercury Bay resumed their fight in court yesterday over the America's Cup trophy, which will be awarded to the winner of the 1990 America's Cup.

The San Diego Yacht Club will argue that Justice Ciparick was wrong in ordering it last March to forfeit the trophy, while the Mercury Bay Boating Club of Auckland will say she was right to disqualify the Californians for sailing a catamaran against a monohulled boat.

At stake is the prestige of holding the trophy and the financial prize of \$2 million.

San Diego hoped to earn as much as \$20 million in revenues by hosting the 1990 race, now set for 1992 in New Zealand.

Justice Ciparick's March ruling in which she interpreted the deed of gift, the document which governs the trophy, as prohibiting a mismatch such as last year's series between San Diego's speedy 60-foot (18-metre) catamaran and the huge, 132-foot (40-metre) sloop New Zealand.

Stars and Stripes, skippered by Dennis Conner, easily beat the challenger, built by New Zealand merchant-banker Michael Fay, by 2-0 in the best-of-three series off San Diego.

Fay, who had taken advantage of a loophole in the regulations to

challenge for a race in boats radically different from the traditional 12-metre yachts, sought redress in the New York court where the deed of gift is filed.

George Tompkins Jr., New Zealand's lawyer, acknowledged that the litigation was unusual.

"It's taken 102 years for a controversy over the America's Cup to get to the court," he said, referring to the length of time the deed of gift has been in effect. "It will probably take another 102 years before it happens again."

Meanwhile, the US government has impounded the catamaran used by Dennis Conner in last year's America's Cup after creditors filed a suit against

the group which handled the defence of yachting's premier trophy, a US official said yesterday.

Several containers of property belonging to Sail America Foundation were seized on Monday in response to a suit filed over a debt of about \$225,000. Robert Dighera, chief deputy of the US Marshals Service, told Reuters.

"We seized a number of containers on behalf of the US government," Dighera said. "Among the containers was the disassembled Stars and Stripes."

The latest suit against Sail America, which managed the cup defence for the San Diego Yacht Club, was filed by North Sails Group, Inc., based in Milford, Connecticut.

France make shaky start

PUKEKOHE, New Zealand, June 7. (Reuters): France made a shaky start to their New Zealand rugby tour at Pukekohe today, beating a modestly performing counties side 24-21.

The tourists led 21-9 at half-time and looked set to run away with the game in the second spell. But counties lifted its game in the second spell and with flyhalf Stu Hollier kicking well, almost brought off an upset win.

France scored the only three tries of the match, with two by left winger Patrice Lagisquet and centre Philippe Sella one. But they also suffered two potentially



Isiah Thomas (left): scored 24 points

Lapoint and Righetti help Yankees triumph

NEW YORK, June 7. (AP): Dave Lapoint and Dave Righetti combined on a six-hitter as the New York Yankees stopped Baltimore's eight-game winning streak, beating the Orioles 4-0 last night at Yankee stadium.

Don Mattingly and Ken Phelps each homered in the first inning and Mel Hall went 3-for-4 with a home run in the fifth.

In other games yesterday, Detroit routed Boston 5-1; Milwaukee defeated Toronto 6-4; Texas edged Chicago 3-1; Oakland shutout Minnesota 1-0; Seattle beat Kansas City 5-2 and California edged Cleveland 2-1.

A day after making six errors in a 16-3 loss to Baltimore, the Yankees played flawlessly in the field. New York got a hit in every inning against Dave Schmidt and Kevin Hickey and finished with 11.

"To come back like this after a night like that, that's a big plus for us," Yankees manager Dallas Green said. "That's what I expect of this team and that's not always what I get."

The Orioles, who began the night with a five-game lead in the American League East, had won 13 of their last 14 games. They had won five straight on the road and 12 of the past 13.

Tigers 5, Red Sox 1
Manager Sparky Anderson got his first victory since returning to the Detroit dugout and Mike Schube allowed one run in 5 1-3 innings in his first Major League start as the Tigers beat Boston to snap a five-game losing streak.

Giants 3, Reds 2, Reds 4, Giants 3
Kevin Mitchell led off the ninth inning with his second solo home run of the game to give San Francisco and pitcher Rick Renschel a 3-2 victory over Cin-

cinnati and a split of a double-header last night.

Mitchell also hit a three-run homer in the first game, which the Reds won 4-3 when Mike Lacoss walked Eric Davis with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth.

In other NL games yesterday, Chicago routed New York 8-4; Montreal edged St. Louis 3-2; Philadelphia whipped Pittsburgh 9-4; Atlanta shut out Los Angeles 3-0; and Houston beat San Diego 8-7 in 10 innings.

San Francisco's Mitchell leads the Major Leagues with 22 homers and 61 RBIs, and has hit seven home runs in his last six games.

The 40-year-old Reuschel, the Major League victory leader with an 11-2 record, scattered six hits in 8 2-3 innings. Paul O'Neill singled and Joel Youngblood walked with two out in the ninth, and Craig Lefferts got his 10th save by getting Todd Benzing to ground out.

Expos 3, Cardinals 2
Pascual Perez, making his first start since May 17, pitched six innings of five-hit ball and helped his own cause with a sacrifice fly as Montreal beat St. Louis.

Phillies 9, Pirates 4
Randy Ready and John Kruk, acquired in a trade last week, each drove in two runs in a five-run second inning rally as Philadelphia snapped an 11-game losing streak by beating Pittsburgh.

Beaves 3, Dodgers 0
Tom Glavine pitched a six-hit shutout, his third of the season, to lead Atlanta over Los Angeles. Astros 8, Padres 7

Glenn Davis' 10th-inning single skipped off the glove of right fielder Bip Roberts, allowing Bill Doran to score from first base and lift Houston past San Diego.

Jenkins may be released

SAN DIEGO, June 7. (Reuters): British Olympic runner David Jenkins, sentenced to seven years in prison for his role in an underground steroid smuggling ring, could be released in the next few days to begin lecturing on drug abuse, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Assistant US attorney Philip Halpern said he supported a defence motion filed on Monday for Jenkins' release after one year.

"Rather than keep him penned up at the taxpayers' expense, we would like him to start lecturing to youth and athletic groups about substance abuse," Halpern told Reuters.

If US district Judge Lawrence Irving approves the motion, Jenkins could be released "in the next few days," Halpern said. He would get credit for time already served, including some while in custody awaiting trial.

Last pair thwart Northants

Surrey hold on for draw



Devon Malcolm

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Paul Jarvis

for nine but rain washed away the prospect of a definite result, Nottingham ending on 84 for one.

Derbyshire have fined their fast bowler Devon Malcolm £100 (\$156) and banned him from their championship match against Warwickshire starting today following his display of dissent while batting against the Australians on Monday.

Malcolm threw down his bat after being given out caught behind with his side needing only 12 runs for victory. He later apologised to the umpires.

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Italian cycling

MEDA, Italy, June 7, (AP): Australian Phil Anderson yesterday won the 17th stage of the Italian cycling tour edging four pursuers by a few seconds at the finish line in this northern town, near Milan.

Correa out

YORK, England, June 7, (AP): Colombian cyclist Leonel Correa was disqualified from the Milk Race today after failing to report for a drug test, race officials said.

Indy-car racing

DENVER, June 7, (AP): Denver City council members voted early yesterday to approve Andy Shlenker's Denver Grand Prix plan to bring Indy-car racing to downtown Denver.

US Open

ROCHESTER, New York, June 7, (AP): An anti-apartheid group will picket at the US Open golf tournament next week, but has no plans to disrupt play, organisers said yesterday.

Milk Race

HARROGATE, England, June 7, (AP): Tony Doyle of Britain rode through a protest to win the 79-mile (127-kilometre) eighth stage of the cycling Milk Race yesterday.

Drug-testing

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 7, (Reuters): The US Olympic Committee said yesterday it hoped to begin enforcing a joint drug-testing agreement reached with the Soviet Union by as early as August.

Ben Johnson

MILAN, Italy, June 7, (AP): Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, disciplined for drug use, says he is training for a comeback on the tracks next year and has his eye on the 1992 Olympics.

Iraqi coach

ABU DHABI, June 7, (Reuters): The sacked coach of Iraq's national soccer team has been given a contract with a United Arab Emirates club, sports officials in the UAE said today.

Life ban

GENEVA, June 7, (Reuters): Two Yugoslav footballers from life from all European Football Union (UEFA) competitions for assaulting a referee during an international club tournament had their appeals rejected yesterday. A UEFA appeals board hearing confirmed the life suspensions imposed on Rad Belgrade players Dusko Vlaisavljevic and Dragan Babic.

Tennis tourney

BECKENHAM, England, June 7, (AP): Torrential rain forced the second day of play in the men's singles of the Beckenham grass-court tennis tournament yesterday to be called off without a ball being struck. Spectators were hoping to see top-seeded John McEnroe play a second-round match against West Germany's Patrick Baur.

Nashwan wins Epsom Derby

EPSOM, England, June 7, (Reuters): Nashwan, the 5-4 favourite owned by Hamdan Al Maktoum, scored a resounding victory in the 210th Epsom Derby today, pulling effortlessly clear in the finishing straight to triumph by five lengths. Jockey Willie Carson always had the colt handily placed and when they made their move after the 12-horse field swept round Tattenham corner, with four furlongs (800 metres) to go, there was no catching them.

The battle behind them produced an improbable second, Terimon, whose odds of 500-1 were the longest ever for a horse finishing in the first three of English racing's premier classic. Cacoethes was third at 3-1.

Steroid abuse could lead to homicide

MONTE CARLO, June 7, (Reuters): Psychiatric disturbances, leading in some cases to homicide, could be sparked by abuse of anabolic steroids, an American researcher said yesterday.

On the second day of an international symposium on drugs in sport, Dr David Katz said the use of muscle-building steroids was increasingly prevalent among young people throughout the world. Steroids are banned by the International Olympic Committee.

"Anabolic steroids are virtually mandatory for bodybuilding and for certain posi-

tions in (American) professional and college football," Katz said.

"Psychiatric disorders may well be the most prevalent as well as the most serious side-effects of anabolic steroids."

Katz caused a stir among delegates with pictures of dramatic muscle development among bodybuilders and examples of mental disorders which he said could be a result of steroid use.

He said a study by himself and a colleague of 41 steroid users showed five had displayed psychotic symptoms. Four had experienced delusions and one had suffered hallucina-

tions. All these symptoms had passed quickly once the subjects stopped taking steroids.

Katz then detailed a case history in which a male bodybuilder had bought a car for \$25 and driven it into a tree at 35 mph (56 kph) while a friend recorded the incident on a video-camera.

"He said he felt invincible," Katz commented.

He also told delegates of a man taking high dosages of steroids who had beaten a hitchhiker to death.

Chang outlasts Agenor

17-year-old reaches French Open semifinal

PARIS, June 7, (Agencies): Michael Chang, free of the cramps that wracked him against Ivan Lendl, continued his march through the French Open tennis championships today, battling past Ronald Agenor 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 to reach the semifinals.

The 17-year-old American, the youngest player ever to gain the last four in the men's event at Roland Garros, showed no sign of the pain that stiffened his legs and had him screaming with pain in the previous round, when he upset Lendl in five sets.

But he needed to keep a cool head in a quarterfinal of swimming fortunes, a 50-minute rain delay and frequent moments of gamesmanship to shake off the challenge of the unseeded Agenor from Haiti.

For three sets of Chang's match against Agenor, there was little of the drama that set the centre court alight when the teenage American rallied from two sets down to oust Lendl despite a severe bout of cramps that almost forced him to quit.

Time after time, Chang and Agenor broke each other's serve — there were 20 breaks in the match — and the quality of tennis was poor as they struggled to find any rhythm or consistency in the wind and drizzle.

Agenor, still troubled by stomach muscle problems that have plagued him since the start of the tournament, applied an ice pack to his abdomen at each change-over.

But he was on the way to a



West German Steffi Graf and Sweden's Mats Wilander (left) pose with trophies they received last night as the best tennis players of 1988. The trophies were presented by the International Tennis Federation in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

possible upset, leading Chang 3-1 in the third set after tying the match, when the players were forced off court by rain.

When they resumed just under an hour later, Chang won five straight games to take the set as Agenor netted a stream of

approach shots, especially on the backhand.

Yesterday Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg, two masters of fast court tennis, set up a semifinal meeting on the slow clay of Roland Garros with quick quarterfinal victories.

Becker rounded off a day disrupted by showers on the centre court at the French Open championships by thrashing unseeded American Jay Berger 6-3 6-4 6-1 in 73 minutes.

Edberg, who beat Becker in last year's Wimbledon final on the grass surface they both prefer, was even quicker in finishing off Monte Carlo and Italian Open champion Alberto Mancini of Argentina.

The Swede took 61 minutes to win 6-1 6-3 7-6 and reach the semifinals here for the first time.

In the women's tournament, defending champion Steffi Graf, seemingly unstoppable and yet to drop more than four games in a match here, lined up an eagerly-awaited semifinal clash with Yugoslav Monica Seles, the 15-year-old tipped as her successor.

American Mary-Joe Fernandez cancelled plans to dash home for her high school graduation ceremony today when she beat 10th-seeded Canadian Helen Kelesi and reached a semifinal against Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez, the eighth seed.

Becker and Edberg, seeded second and third, are both enjoying the best seasons of their careers on clay.

West German Becker, who came from match point against him to beat Argentine clay specialist Guillermo Perez-Roldan in five sets in the fourth round, has won his last nine matches on the surface and has lost only twice in 17 matches this year.

Leonard to earn \$25 million

LAS VEGAS, June 7, (AP): By the time Sugar Ray Leonard leaves the ring Monday night, he will have earned at least \$25 million for two fights against Thomas Hearns.

Hearns won't have done too badly himself, amassing at least \$16 million for two bouts spaced nearly eight years apart.

Fight fans, meanwhile, will have paid more than \$100 million to watch the two do battle, and in the process ushered in a new era

of megafights. "People pay for who they want to see," said Leonard. "Look at how much Michael Jackson makes. They pay to see him like they pay to see us."

When Leonard and Hearns met Sept 16, 1981, for the world welterweight championship, they broke all records up to that point in a fight that grossed nearly \$35 million.

When they meet again Monday night, it will more than likely

set a new boxing record, with promoters predicting a gross of \$80 million for the scheduled 12-round bout.

"You've got two of the most recognised names in boxing and these fighters appeal to a lot more than just the hardcore fight fans," said Rick Kulis, whose Choice Entertainment has the southern California broadcast rights to the bout. "This should be bigger than Tyson-Spinks."

Shilton turns down captaincy

LONDON, June 7, (Reuters): Goalkeeper Peter Shilton turned down the chance of captaining England on his record 109th appearance for his country in Copenhagen today.

Manager Bobby Robson said yesterday: "Bryan Robson offered Peter the captaincy but he wants to treat it as a normal international. It was a nice gesture but Peter says he wants to concentrate on keeping a clean sheet."

Budd will stay in South Africa, not return to Britain

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, June 7, (AP): Zola Budd, whose career as a world-class distance runner has been dogged by political controversy, announced today that she will not return to Britain to seek further international competition.

Budd, 23, told a news conference that she planned to remain in South Africa, where she was born, and gradually return to domestic competition after completing computer programming studies at a

technical school.

Budd moved to Britain in 1984 and was issued a British passport that enabled her to compete in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. South Africa is barred from international track and field competition because of its racial segregation policies.

Anti-apartheid groups pursued Budd relentlessly over the next four years, saying she should not be allowed to compete internationally because she maintained

ties with South Africa and returned frequently to visit friends and family. She repeatedly declined to denounce apartheid, saying she did not want to engage in political debate, although last year she issued a statement expressing opposition to any form of discrimination.

In May 1988, she left Britain and returned to South Africa. Associates described her as an emotional and physical wreck, on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

In April, Budd married a liquor store owner in her home town of Bloemfontein. She expressed interest in returning to Britain to resume international competition, but today said she had decided otherwise.

"I do not feel I can return to England without some regular and open contact with the native soil of the land of my birth," she said.

"I wish to thank all the British people who gave me their support. For those

who fought against my participation in international athletics, I harbour no ill will."

She said her husband, Mike Pieterse, had given her encouragement, but that her decision was her own.

"I have taken control of my life," she said, "and in the future will seek to run on my own terms in accordance with factors which do not conflict with my personal beliefs or convictions."

NBK to organise water ski tourney

THE National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) will organise the first Kuwait Water Ski and Surfing Championship at the Kheirah Resort on June 15 and 16, a spokesman for the bank announced yesterday.

The championship will be patronised by the Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Ali Al Sabah.

The championship will include four events — slalom, skurfer, kneeboard and tricks. The chairman of the organising committee, Ibrahim Al Hadhoud, said that the championship is being held to promote water sports in Kuwait. He added that the sport had a large following in this country.

Al Hadhoud also pointed out that Kuwait lagged behind other Gulf areas in the promotion of water sports. He gave the example of the United Arab Emirates, which held its 10th Water Skiing Championship recently.

The deputy chairman of the organising committee, Khalid Al Bisher, said that the qualifying rounds would be held on June 15 with the finals on the following day. He added that a number of good



One of the water skiers in action.



Al Hadhoud

prizes were in store for the winners in various events. He said that the details of the prizes would be announced later.

Hassan Mansour, a representative of the Marine Centre, one of the organisers, hoped that the success of this



Al Bisher

event would pave the way for a Gulf championship.

Applications to enter the event are available at Al Boom, Tel 4830570 and the Marine Centre, Tel 5755960. Further details of the event can also be obtained at these two numbers.

Barnard to decide motor racing future this month

MILAN, Italy, June 7, (Reuters): British designer John Barnard, whose contract with Ferrari is due to expire at the end of the season, has said he will decide this month whether he will renew his contract with Ferrari.

He said he would announce by the end of June whether he would renew his contract with Ferrari, where he has spent three years marked by widespread criticism and little success, or move on to work elsewhere.

"There could be projects in the future outside Formula One," he told the Italian sports newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport in an interview published today. "I would like to undertake any technically valid project but I do think there are still things I would like to try in Formula One."

Barnard said he had received several job offers after his contract with Ferrari expires at the end of the season.

"I would be disappointed (to go) but I believe I could be satisfied just having been part of the future development of a team," he said. "I will decide by the end of the month, partly because so many other things depend on my answer."

When Ferrari signed Barnard in 1986 from McLaren the team had not won a world title since 1979 and hoped the new designer could repeat the success he had produced for his previous employers.

After more than two years' work by Barnard and his team, Ferrari finally unveiled its new 12-cylinder 640 car last February but it has been plagued by technical problems.

The car has finished only twice out of 10 possible finishes — when Briton Nigel Mansell won in Rio de Janeiro in March and when Austrian Gerhard Berger came 22nd in Mexico.

Barnard, who works from a base in Britain, blamed the Ferrari team's failure to challenge the supremacy of the McLaren team on inexperience amongst its junior technicians.

"I haven't seen as many young engineers with strong potential emerging as I would have liked," he told the Milan-based Gazzetta.

LOCAL CRICKET

Pirelli beat Morning Star in opener

PIRELLI opened their Summer League season with a nine-run victory over Morning Star Cricket Club at the Sabah Al Salam (NC) ground earlier this week.

Pirelli skipper Shabbir elected to bat after winning the toss. Arshad Shams and Badar Munir opened the innings for Pirelli and put on 57 runs before the former was out for 25.

Badar was back in the pavilion one later, also for 25. Ghulam Haider hammered all the Morning Star bowlers and scored 52 in only nine overs. He also hit five fours. Aslam Pervez hit 22 while Shabbir remained unbeaten on 22 as Pirelli scored 159 for the loss of five wickets in their 18 allotted overs.

Morning Star tried to reach the target but fell nine runs short as they scored 150 by the end of their overs. Shahzad Sr took two wickets while Rashid Ansari got one.

Skins game

MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina, June 7, (AP): Ayako Okamoto, the LPGA Player of the Year in 1987, will play three Skins game matches on area courses next week.

The matches will be taped and shown on national television in Japan.

The matches — Monday at Arcadian shores, Tuesday at Myrtle Beach National and Wednesday at the Dunes Club — will be free to the public.

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